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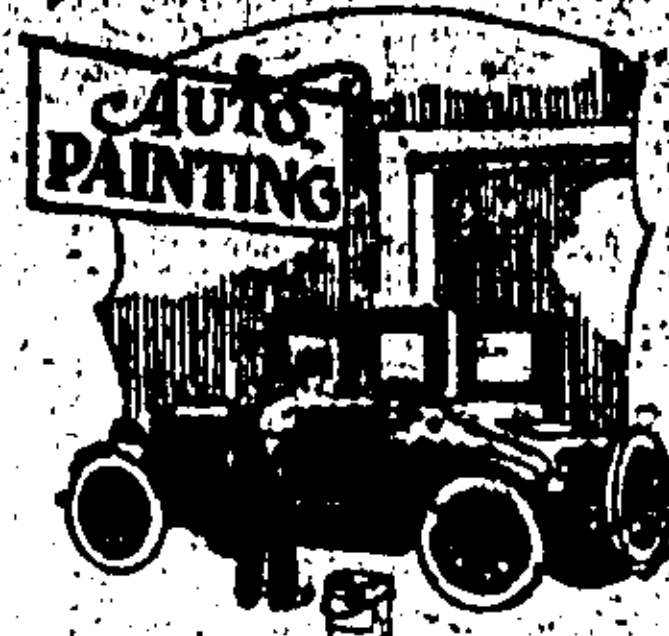
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MORE WEATHER "RECORDS."

THIS MORNING'S UNUSUAL COLD SNAP.

AN ANTI-CYCLONE RESPONSIBLE.

When referring to the unusual darkness of last week, we said: "Our list of weather 'records' has been continuously altered during the past two years, and there is no saying when the new standards will again be changed."

How true these words were is shown by this morning's minimum temperature reading, which was the coldest on record for April in the past eighteen years, and but slightly higher than the absolute minimum ever recorded for this month. And coming only a few days after a reading of 80 degrees in the shade (on the 3rd.) the present "cold snap" is all the more remarkable.

On enquiry at the Royal Observatory to-day, we were informed by the acting Director (Mr. C. W. Jeffries) that the minimum temperature recorded on April 5th was 53.9, whilst this morning at 2 o'clock the reading was 52.7. These are the lowest readings recorded for April since 1907, when 53.9 was registered. The lowest temperature on record for the month of April is 51.8, on April 4th, 1905.

VERY LOW AVERAGE.

As regards mean temperatures—that is, the average spread over the whole twenty-four hours of the day—the figure for April 5th was 56.2, and for yesterday 57.4. These are the lowest values recorded at the Observatory for the month of April, with the exception of April 4th, 1905, when the mean temperature was 54.8.

"An anti-cyclone of abnormal intensity for the time of the year has," said Mr. Jeffries, "been a feature of the weather map for some days, and to this must be attributed the present low temperatures."

It is interesting to recall our last cold snap, almost a record, on January 31st-February 1st this year, when the reading fell below 40 degrees at sea level and there was frost on the Peak.

LOCAL AIR TRAGEDY.

MR. ABBOTT RETURNS.

Mr. Abbott, the aviator, returned from Manila this morning, and the enquiry into the death of Mr. Earnshaw will therefore be resumed on Thursday next.

A new jury will have to be sworn in.

THE PIECE-GOODS SLUMP.

EVIDENCE BEFORE TRADE COMMITTEE.

London, April 8. Before the Committee of Industry and Trade, witnesses on behalf of the Federation of Master Cottonspinners Associations referred to the competition by Japan in India and the East generally, and expressed the opinion that the present difficulty and absence of bulk trade was due mainly to the high price of the raw material and impoverishment of the main consuming countries.

They considered that British commercial supremacy in cotton goods could not be seriously challenged with reduced taxation and longer working hours. On behalf of the Manchester cotton associations they suggested that, as regards raw cotton, certain Empire cottons should be made tenderable against the Liverpool futures contract, and thus receive a proper status and expedite their development to that extent.—*Reuter.*

CHINA PROVIDENTS.

DIVIDEND PROPOSALS.

The amount at credit of Profit & Loss Account of the China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Limited, for the year ending 31st, December, 1924, is \$540,702.95, and, after deducting interim dividend paid on 29th August, 1924, amounting to \$101,352.80, subject to audit, the General Managers and Consulting Committee will at the forthcoming annual meeting of the Company, to be held on Monday the 27th, April, recommend the balance of profits to be allocated as follows:—

To place to Reserve Fund	\$ 90,000.00
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To pay a final dividend of 18 cents per share on 396,246 New shares	71,324.46
and carry forward to new Account	11,482.76
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JUNK ADRIFT.

FIVE MEN RESCUED.

Whilst fishing off Sam Tam Mai, south of Lintin, a fishing junk from Hongkong was approached by another junk which was drifting helplessly owing to her rudder. The crew of five on board, who appeared to be in an exhausted condition, were taken off, and the fishing vessel returned to Cheung-chau.

The local police having been apprised, the rescued men were later transferred to the Tung Wah Hospital.

ARMED ROBBERY.

WOMAN'S BANGLES STOLEN.

A highway robbery occurring at Bowington Canal last night had its sequel in a pawnshop early this morning, when a man was arrested in the act of pawn-ing a pair of bangles, identified to be those taken from a Chinese woman in the robbery.

In her report to the police, the woman stated that she was caught by the collar of her jacket and thrown to the ground. A pair of bangles, valued at \$32, was taken from her. The robber made his escape after the commission of the crime.

BRITISH NAVAL DISARMAMENT.

CAUTION CALLED FOR.

London, April 8. In the House of Commons, at question time, Mr. J. C. Davidson said the Government would gladly co-operate with the other principal Powers in a further restriction of naval armaments. They had already given much attention to the subject, but the publication of a reasoned statement on British naval needs as a basis of limitation of naval armaments, as suggested by the questioner, would not conduce to this end; nor would it be in the public interest.

Sir H. Page-Croft declared that Britain had decreased her naval armaments to a far larger extent than any other naval Power in the world.

Sir J. Nall asked for an assurance that in any further conference the British naval power would not be reduced disproportionately to other Powers. Mr. Davidson said the question was hypothetical.—*Reuter.*

SPORTSMAN'S "BAG."

FOUR FIELD WORKERS HIT.

Four field labourers in the New Territories were injured yesterday through getting within range of a shot-gun discharged by a sportsman.

Mr. M. D'Eon was out shooting snipe near Po Kong village, and had discharged his weapon from a distance of 50 yards at some snipe within sight, when he was made painfully aware of the fact that other objects not intended for his bag were hit. Four curious villagers, who had ventured too near, were struck by the flying pellets and were injured in the faces and hands. Fortunately, the distance was too long for the shots to cause much injury, and, with the exception of one, it was not found necessary to detain the injured men at the hospital to which they were taken.

LOCAL BOXING.

BIG FIGHT UNLIKELY TO TAKE PLACE.

Owing to what are considered unreasonable demands by the French boxer, Andre Dupre, in regard to the purse to be put up by the Hongkong Boxing Association, it seems most unlikely that the proposed match with C. P. O. Jim Cartledge will take place.

It appears that the Association offered a purse of \$1,000, with \$500 as expenses, but that Dupre turned this down, asking for \$1,500 win, lose or draw, with a reserve option of 35 per cent. of the takings. This, however, was not agreed to, but a firm offer was made by cable to Dupre of \$1,500 exclusive of expenses. To this, Dupre replied asking for a further \$500, or \$2,000 in all. These terms are quite beyond the figure which the Association is willing to put up, and therefore unless Dupre modifies his demands there is little prospect of the fight coming off.

S. AFRICA'S BUDGET.

PREFERENCE PROVISIONS.

Cape Town, April 8. The abandonment of the present Imperial Preference was announced in a Budget speech by Mr. Havenga, outlining the adjustment of preferential tariff on a *quid pro quo* basis, under which British goods would benefit to the extent of three hundred thousand pounds sterling, and the Dominions fifty thousand, compared with, hitherto, eight hundred and sixty thousand and ninety thousand respectively. The South African pony postage has also been restored.

This was the first time in history that the Budget speech was delivered by an Afrikaner. Mr. Havenga foreshadowed a revision of tariffs adequately protecting home industries, admitting raw materials free or at the lowest possible rate, adjusting Imperial Preference on a *quid pro quo* basis, providing for maximum and minimum rates in certain commodities, to enable the Government to negotiate most favoured nation agreements with countries outside the commonwealth; also providing for suspended duties in the case of nascent industries, which thereby are assured of protection when the Government becomes satisfied of the need thereof.

The revenue amounted last year to £25,340,000 and the expenditure to £24,540,000. Mr. Havenga, illustrating the working of the new tariff policy, instanced the reduction in duties on such goods as cotton and woolen piece goods, cotton threads, and mechanical tools, and the abolition of duties in the case of agricultural machinery and industrial plant. On the contrary, the duties on blankets, rugs, motor-cars, petrol in bulk, printed matter, and machinery, would be increased.

He pointed out that if he had worked on a strictly *quid pro quo* basis, Britain would not have got three hundred thousand sterling of preference but only two hundred thousand, hence the preference was about thirty per cent. more than if there had been really a *quid pro quo* basis.—*Reuter.*

MOTOR CAR COMPETITION.

Keen Contest for Prizes.

With our Motor Car Competition fast drawing to a close, a keen struggle is taking place for the handsome prizes offered. For the week ended on Saturday last, an extremely large number of coupons was sent in, and the result is that several hundred credits have been secured by the various contestants. The principal change revealed by the checking of the coupons is that the competitor who was third on the list for the previous week has now jumped into first place. The correct words for last week were:—

March 30th.—PROOF.
March 31st.—COVER.
April 1st.—MORE.
April 2nd.—SAY.
April 3rd.—COMMENT.
April 4th.—BROKEN.

After this week, the Competition will only last a fortnight. It will definitely end on April 25th, and the result, with figures to the credit of the various competitors, will be announced on May 1st.

EVENTS IN CHINA.

QUESTION OF INTERVENTION REVIVED.

London, April 8. In the House of Commons, Mr. H. W. Loefer, the former Hongkong solicitor, drew attention to the fact that Marshal Chang Tso-lin still retained a section of the Peking Mukden railway, which he seized in 1922.

He suggested that the Government should make representations to put an end to this wrongful retention of the section, constituting a serious breach of the railway agreement and impairing the security on which British capital had been furnished for the Chinese lines.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain replied that representations had been and were being made, both to Peking and Mukden, to secure the return of this section.

Asked whether he did not think the time had arrived to consult the other Powers interested, with a view to taking definite steps to get a settled position in China, Mr. Chamberlain said they had been communicating with the other Powers concerned, and if he saw an opportunity of advantageously taking any steps, he would do so.—*Reuter.*

IMPRISONED RUSSIANS.

London, April 8. In the House of Commons, replying to a question suggesting that representations should be made to China to speed up the trial or procure the release of the Russian railway officials, M. M. Ostrooumoff and Gandalfi, imprisoned at Harbin, Mr. Austen Chamberlain said he was seeking a report on the case before deciding whether any action was possible or desirable.—*Reuter.*

A USEFUL DOCK.

AUSTRALIAN PROJECT.

Sydney, April 8. The Commonwealth Government has accepted the proposals of the Government of New South Wales for the construction of a floating dock at Walsh Island. The dock is to have a displacement of thirteen thousand tons, and will take two years to build, and the Commonwealth Government will contribute £120,000 towards the cost.

This dock will be used for commercial purposes, but in time of war or any other emergency the Commonwealth Government will take over control.—*Reuter.*

GIANT PLANE ARRIVES.

INTENDED FOR PASSENGER SERVICE.

Mr. H. W. Abbott returned to Hongkong from Manila this morning, bringing with him the new giant aeroplane which is intended for a passenger service between here and Shanghai. The machine is packed in sections, and will take at least a week to assemble for the first local test flight. This plane was the one which broke adrift in a storm two weeks ago, but was recovered by military and naval air service men after six days, about 40 miles from Manila.

A bombing seaplane, it is capable of taking eighteen passengers on peace flights. The wing spread is 114 feet, and it is driven by two 450 horsepower Liberty motors, and can fly 10 hours on stretch at an average cruising speed of 80 miles an hour. The type is the Curtiss F5L.

Mr. Abbott had already sent three smaller Curtiss planes over to Hongkong, with which he hopes shortly to commence his flying school. Four pupils have so far signified their intention of taking a course in aviation.

LOADED REVOLVERS.

FOUND IN FALSE BOTTOMED BOX.

A charge of unlawful possession of four automatic pistols, 198 rounds of ammunition and a number of spare magazines, was brought against a Chinese passenger of the a.s. Limchow, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning. Mr. F. W. Whitehouse represented the defendant.

The case for the prosecution was that prior to the a.s. Limchow's departure for Hongkong on Tuesday morning a party of police boarded the ship and carried out a search under the Piracy Prevention Ordinance. In the defendant's cabin was a black box, which, when lifted by a Chinese detective, was found to be heavier than an ordinary box of its size. After the clothes had been taken out and nothing found, the police searchers became suspicious. Two small holes were made in the bottom of the box and it was discovered that there were arms concealed in the false bottoms, in which when searched at the Police Station, the arms and ammunition were found. Three of the revolvers were loaded.

After the hearing of the evidence, the defendant was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

ANOTHER FRENCH CRISIS.

GOVERNMENT EXPECTED TO RESIGN.

Paris, April 8. After adopting motions for reducing certain items in the public instruction estimates, the Senate by 142 to 140 passed a resolution in favour of restoring the appropriation for scholarships, which the commission on finance had decreased.

M. Herriot had previously complained of the commission's hostility, and made the vote a question of confidence. The Cabinet will meet later and it is expected the Government will resign to-night.—*Reuter.*

Paris, April 8. Contrary to general anticipation, the Cabinet, after conferring for over three and a half hours, did not announce its resignation, for the consideration of which it had been urgently convened, but merely issued a communiqué to the effect that it had dismissed Mr. Desmarest, Bill, and other members of the Ministry of Finance.—*Reuter.*

SHIP ABANDONED.

OWNERS DON'T WANT IT.

SALE TO SATISFY CREW'S WAGE CLAIM.

Presumably because he had not the wherewithal to pay his officers and crew, the managing partner in the Man Lee firm, now defunct, absconded, leaving the crew in possession of the Company's only steamer, the "Kwai Wah," which normally trades between Hongkong and Swatow. The ship has been lying idle in harbour since the middle of January and, Supreme Court action having been taken by the master and crew for wages and disbursements, it is now officially under arrest.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) appeared for the plaintiffs in two *ex parte* actions before Sir Henry Gollan this morning, the claims being for wages since varying periods in 1924 to date.

The first action concerned the compradore, three engineers and the ship's carpenter, and Mr. Jenkin referred to the fact that the Kwai Wah normally traded between Hongkong and Swatow, calling at intermediate ports. At Swatow on January 15th representations were made by the plaintiffs that they were needing their back pay, and promises were made that their claims would be settled in Hongkong on January 19th. The promises were not kept; the men found on reaching Hongkong that the owner had absconded and that his whereabouts were unknown.

Evidence was given by the men as to the dates when they were last paid their wages, and the question arose as to whether the compradore was a seaman and therefore able to make his claim in Admiralty Jurisdiction.

Mr. Jenkin said that the man performed the duties of a seaman in addition to supplying the vessel with food etc.

His Lordship pointed out that the word "disbursements" was mentioned in the writ, and Mr. Jenkin asked permission to amend the word to "necessaries."

His Lordship:—I cannot see how I can do that without reversing the writ, especially in an *ex parte* action.

Mr. Jenkin:—It is only for the purpose of saving delay, for the ship has in fact been abandoned by the owners.

His Lordship reserved judgment on the question as to whether the compradore could be regarded as a seaman.

THE CAPTAIN'S CLAIM.

The second action concerned the master of the vessel, and Mr. Jenkin pointed out that the facts were similar.

Giving evidence, the master said that he was employed at a salary of \$150 per month. He had not been paid since August, 1924, and in addition had made disbursements on behalf of the owners. He had paid the wages for extra men, firemen, watchmen and quartermasters, and paid for lighting, and other things.

His Lordship gave judgment, the question of amount being referred to the Registrar.

Mr. Jenkin asked for an order for the sale of the Kwai Wah without appraisal.

His Lordship:—I don't think that is lawful at Home and as these are *ex parte* proceedings it seems rather—

Mr. Jenkin:—Yes, your Lordship; I merely thought it would save costs.

His Lordship made an order for appraisal and sale of the vessel and ordered that the proceeds should be paid into Court.

LIGHTNING STRIKE.

DUTCH DOCKERS OUT.

Rotterdam, April 8. The mechanical workers at the docks have declared a lightning strike for an increase in wages.—*Reuter.*

TEAM CAR SEARCH.

YIELDS LOADED REVOLVER.

A party of police who boarded a tram car at the foot of Garden Road on Monday night, for the purpose of proceeding a search for arms, had a stroke of good fortune when they found a man in possession of a fully-loaded revolver amongst the third-class passengers. Others held up their arms without hesitation but this man drew suspicion to himself when he kept one hand pressed over his hip pocket. To the Sikh policeman who had him in hand, he replied that the hard thing felt against his hip was merely a tobacco pipe, but, disbelieving him, the Sikh investigated and found that which he hoped for—a revolver with five bullets in it.

Sergeant Dungey, who was in charge of the picket, told the Magistrate this morning that he examined the cartridges in the charge room and discovered the bullets to have been out to give the effectiveness of dum-dum bullets.

The prisoner had nothing to say and he was committed to the Sessions on the application of Detective Pincoot.

BAIL FORFEITED.

An Indian, named R. M. Sidney, forfeited a bail of \$10 which he placed with the police on being taken into custody last night for disorderly conduct during a search carried out by a police search picket.

Sergeant Dungey told the Magistrate this morning that the man submitted to the search, but treated the police to a flow of abusive language afterwards.

Defendant, who was charged with disorderly conduct, did not appear and his Worship made the order for the confiscation of his bail at the Central Magistracy this morning.

FRENCH NOTES.

BANK'S BIG ISSUE.

Paris, April 8. According to the *Liberte*, M. Demoncez told the financial committee of the Chamber that the Bank of France, since January, had exceeded the legal limit for the note issue by 3,300 millions of francs, in order to meet the Government's need for cash.

M. Baranger, the reporter general to the Budget, in a speech in the Senate stated that the excess totalled over two milliards of francs.—*Reuter.*

THE NEW SOVIET COMPOSITION.

COMMUNIST MAJORITY REDUCED.

Moscow, April 8. The elections to the Moscow Soviet resulted in the return of 2,554 Communists and 1,308 non-party candidates.

It is officially pointed out that the latter constitute 34 per cent. of the whole number, compared with only 12 point 3 per cent. in the last Soviet. Altogether 933 women were elected.—*Reuter.*

DUTCH WIRELESS.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE ENCOURAGED.

Amsterdam, April 8. According to the *Handelsblad*, an official committee which is enquiring into the postal and telegraph services recommends that the Kootwyk wireless station, constructed specifically to communicate with the Dutch Indies, should be handed over to private enterprise.—*Reuter.*

TO-DAY.

Closing Exchange:—S. 2 1/16, L. 1 1/16, T. 1 1/16, F. 1 1/16, B. 1 1/16, C. 1 1/16, D. 1 1/16, E. 1 1/16, F. 1 1/16, G. 1 1/16, H. 1 1/16, I. 1 1/16, J. 1 1/16, K. 1 1/16, L. 1 1/16, M. 1 1/16, N. 1 1/16, O. 1 1/16, P. 1 1/16, Q. 1 1/16, R. 1 1/16, S. 1 1/16, T. 1 1/16, U. 1 1/16, V. 1 1/16, W. 1 1/16, X. 1 1/16, Y. 1 1/16, Z. 1 1/16.

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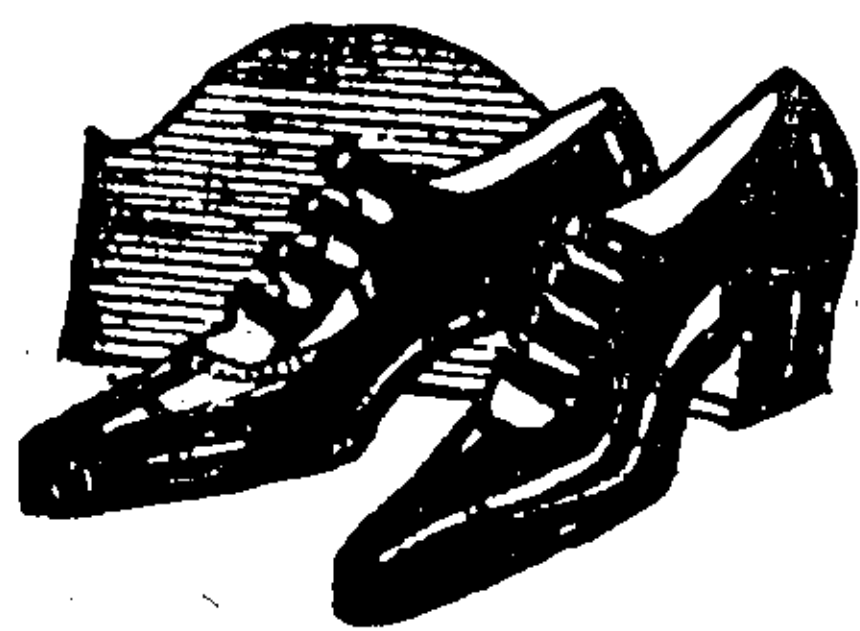
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THE NEW GOVERNMENT
FERRY SERVICE.

The monthly meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. Mr. Li Yau-tsun, the new Chairman, presided, being supported by Mr. J. M. Wong, Vice-Chairman.

Before the business started Mr. Leung Kwai-tin, on behalf of the members, offered hearty congratulations to the Chairman. He said he was voicing the sentiments of those present when he said that Mr. Li Yau-tsun and Mr. J. M. Wong were eminently suitable for the responsible posts. In view of their ripe experience and close connection with the business life of the Colony, members could confidently look for a prosperous period for the Chamber while under their administration. (Applause.)

At the request of Mr. Leung Kwai-tin, those present stood up as a mark of esteem for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Mr. Li Yau-tsun replied, thanking the members for the honour of electing him Chairman. To executive ability and eloquence he had no claims whatever, and he said this not because of modesty. He therefore had to depend upon the co-operation of the Committee and others. In this connection he was pleased to see the galaxy of talent as represented by the various officials of the Chamber. (Applause.)

Mr. J. M. Wong also briefly replied.

New Ferry Service.

There were twenty-four items on the agenda, but only a few of them related to matters of public interest. One of these concerned the Government scheme for establishing a new cross-harbour ferry service. From the correspondence read out by the Chairman, it appeared that at the end of last month the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce wrote to the Chinese Chamber, enclosing a copy of a communication from the Government in regard to the project. In this letter the Colonial Secretary pointed out the urgency of the scheme and stated that the reclamation for the ferry service on the Hongkong side was part of a much larger scheme of reclamation, the details of which were dealt with in Mr. Duncan's report. The Government was negotiating with the owners of the East Point Hill for the removal of the Hill and the disposal of the spoil. If the spoil could be used for the purpose of the reclamation in front of the Central Prison, the cost of the reclamation work would be materially reduced. The letter added that the removal of the Hill was a matter of urgency and therefore it was desirable that the two Chambers should consider, as early as possible, the desirability of having the reclamation at the spot indicated.

The Chairman said the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce endorsed the view of the Government as to the urgency of the matter, and asked the Chinese Chamber for their views.

In reply to Mr. Chan Harr, the Chairman said it was proposed to build "double-ended" boats for the new service.

On the suggestion of Mr. Ho Lu the matter was left to the Executive Committee.

Protection of Animals.

The new regulations regarding the protection of dumb animals were discussed. The Chairman said a number of letters had been received from poulterers and livestock importers, complaining of the extensive hardships which the

TOMB-WORSHIPPERS.
ABDUCTED.

On the 5th instant, the Ching Ming Festival Day, large numbers of the people went out to the countryside to worship at the various cemeteries, says the *Canton Gazette*. Motor-cars, rickshas, carriages and sedan chairs were in big demand. Amongst those who went to visit their ancestors' graves was the Hongkong compradore of the Standard Oil Co. of New York. While worshipping at the Cheung Ngar (Ivory) Hill, a gang of about 50 bandits, all armed to the teeth, kidnapped two elderly men, one of whom was Mr. Wong Shu-long, the oil compradore. His friends at once informed the troops stationed nearby to make pursuit, but the bandits had gone far ahead and no trace of them could be found. The family was informed and a telegraphic message was at once sent to the Hongkong Office of the Standard Oil Co. It is stated that the bandits got information beforehand from some of the compradore's underlings and lay in wait for Mr. Wong at the hillside.

new measures would entail on their trade. The whole question was one calling for serious consideration. Meetings had been held at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, but with no satisfactory result. Personally he considered some of the regulations impracticable.

Mr. Li Yau-tsun referred to the regulation authorising any passer-by to arrest anyone found carrying a chicken in the wrong way. He quite agreed that fowls and animals should be protected, but it seemed to him that the relative consideration of human beings and animals would be reversed if it was attempted to put too fine a point on the matter. One other regulation criticised by the poulterers was that relating to penalties. Under the new regulations a fine of \$250 could be imposed, with six months' imprisonment thrown into the bargain.

Mr. Ho Lu suggested that the matter be left to the Executive Committee.

Vacancies.

The Chairman said there were two vacancies on the General Committee caused by the refusal of Mr. Ho Tai-ang and Mr. Chu Yik-tung to serve. A vacancy also existed on the Executive Committee.

Mr. Ho Lu said according to Rule No. 9 of the Chamber they could elect those who had served on the Committee last year, but at the same time they could elect any of those present at the meeting. Whatever course was taken, he would strongly urge that those who voted would use their judgment so that only active members, with good records of public service, would be elected. An election might develop a ludicrous aspect if it was done in a haphazard manner. At the last election of the Chamber, a number of well-known gentlemen, who had been identified with public service for many years, were left out, while others with lesser experience were given votes.

The Chairman expressed concurrence with Mr. Ho Lu's remarks. Mr. J. M. Wong said it was bad policy to have the same Chairman and officials year after year, because it would severely try their enthusiasm and this would hamper, instead of furthering, the progress of the Chamber. They should have "new blood" as far as possible.

Eventually Messrs. Chan Chi-nang and Simon Tse Yan were elected to fill the vacancies on the General Committee. The election of the third member was deferred.

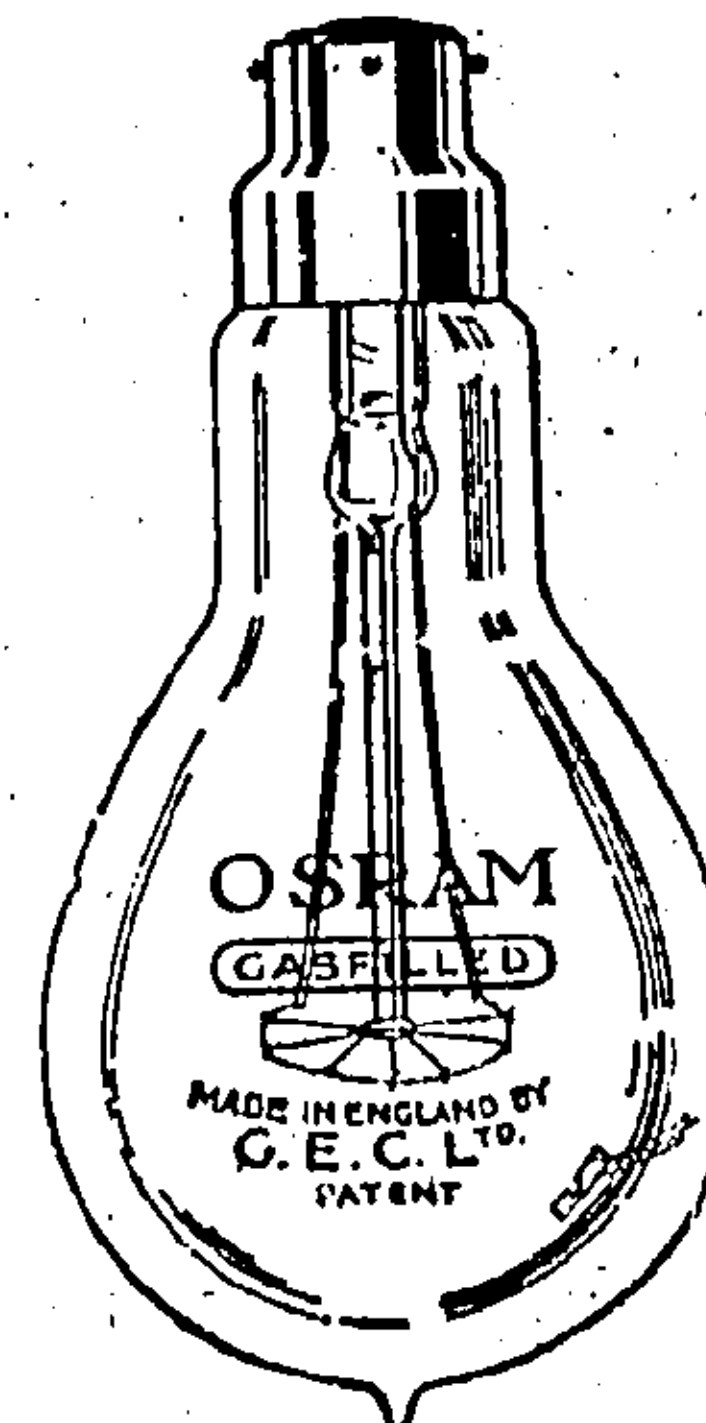
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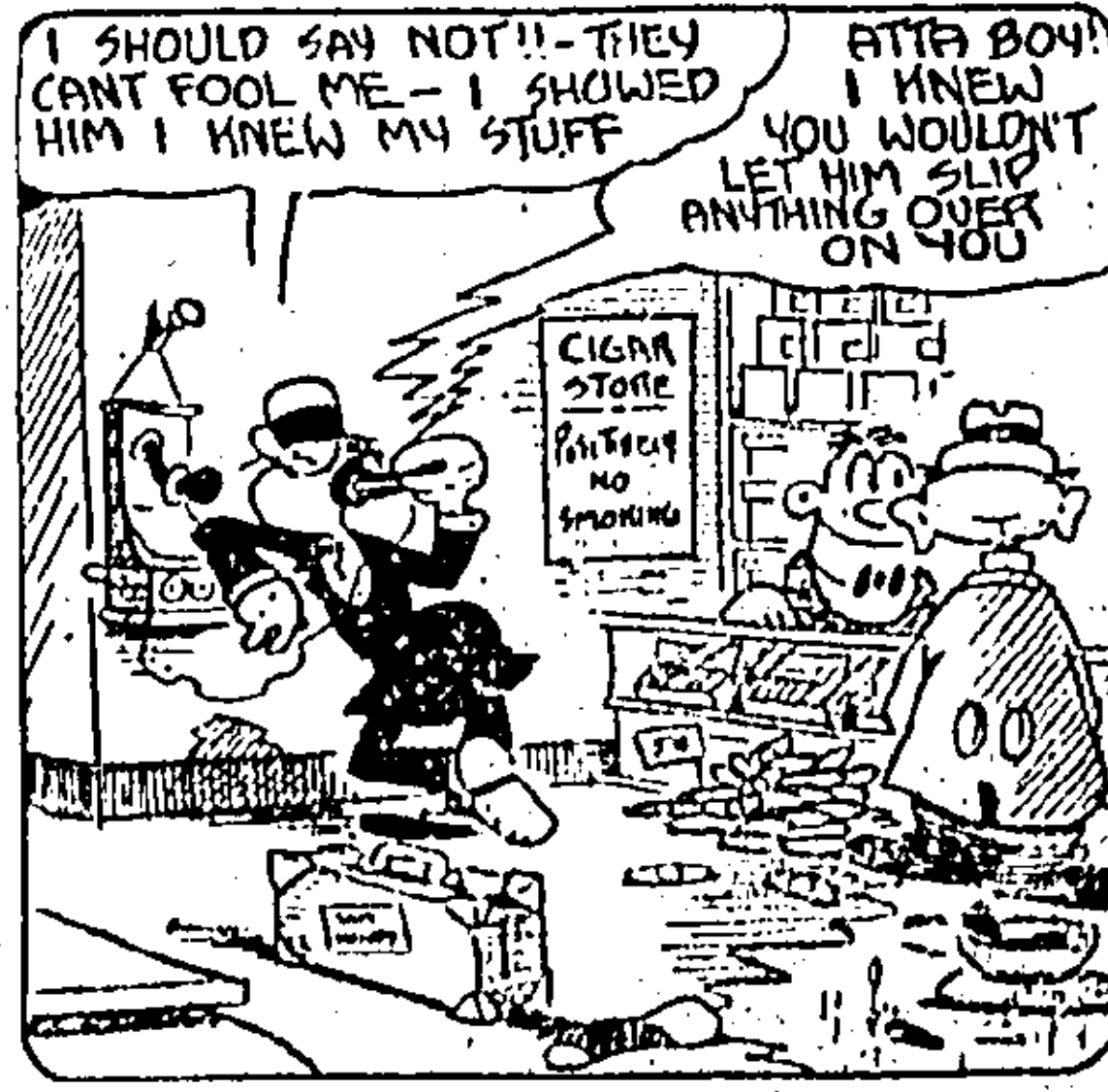
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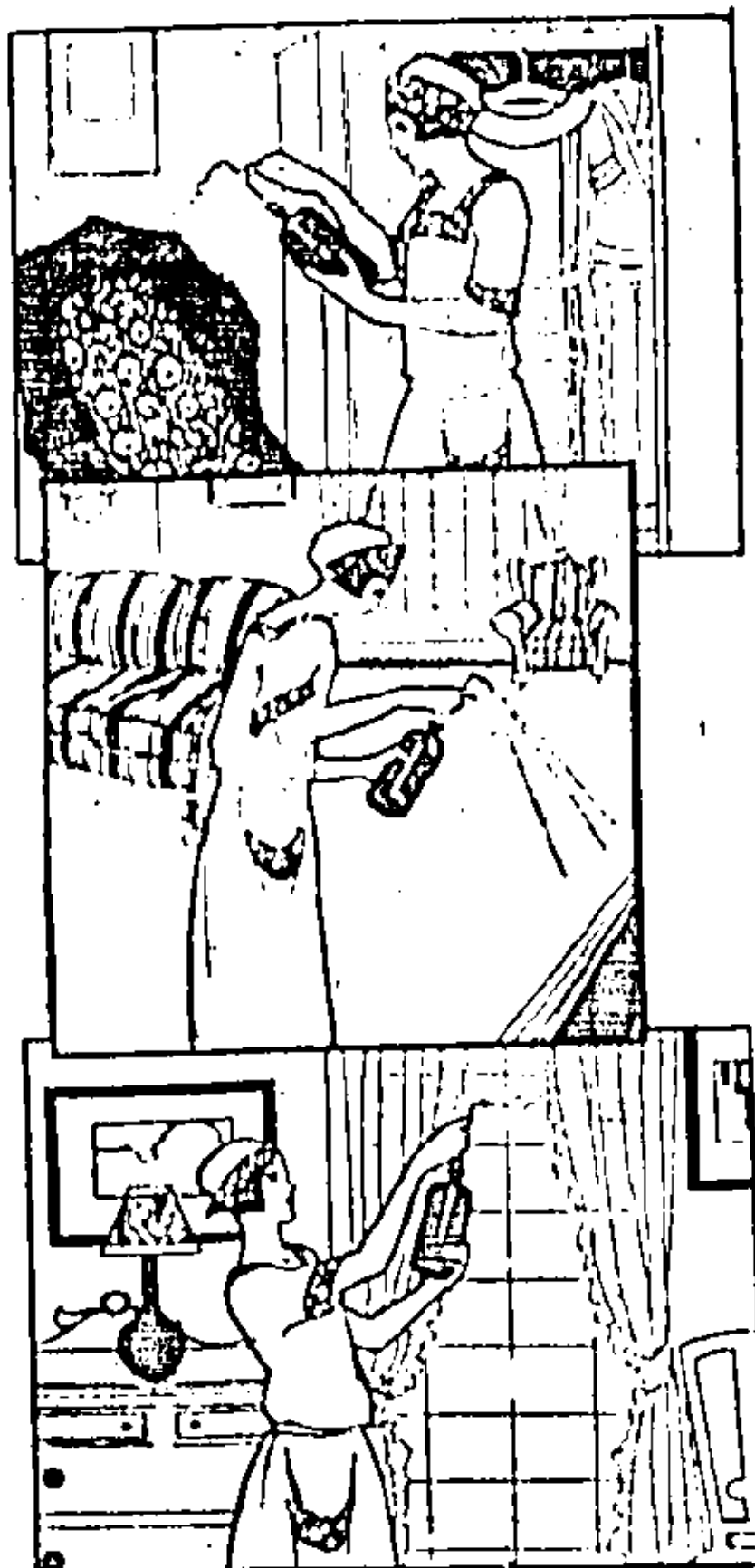
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The members of the Hongkong Business Men's Physical Culture Class held their second annual dinner at the Hongkong Hotel last night, when advantage was taken of the occasion to express in tangible form their recognition of the services so cheerfully given throughout the session by the popular instructor, Mr. A. E. Dome, who was the recipient of a silver tea service, appropriately inscribed.

During the course of the proceedings it was mentioned that Mr. Dome would be leaving Hongkong in the near future. Mr. J. Smith (the Secretary), who presided, submitted the loyal toast, and then asked those present to rise and drink to the health of Mr. Dome. Mr. Smith mentioned that the class was first formed two years ago, and during the time it had been in existence the attendance had been very good. Having regard to the fact that the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium was so far away, he thought it spoke much for the enthusiasm of members that they turned up so regularly. The class, he thought, had served its purpose in making them all bright and hearty.

He felt they owed much to Mr. Dome for all he had done for them, and it was no exaggeration to say that the whole success of the class had been entirely due to him. (Applause.)

Mr. C. B. Brown, in a witty and frequently applauded speech, ably supported the Chairman's remarks, and the toast was very heartily received, members rising and according their instructor musical honours.

The Presentation.

The presentation of the silver tea service to Mr. Dome was made by Mr. A. G. Simpson, who, at the outset of his speech, expressed thanks to Mr. Smith for so kindly discharging the Secretarial duties in connection with the Physical Culture Class and particularly for the time and trouble he had taken in arranging that convivial little banquet that night, when, they would all agree, had been a great success. (Applause.) Mr. Simpson thought that the reason why the classes had been so popular was because of Mr. Dome's energetic and cheerful spirit, combined with the scientific manner in which he had conducted them, at the same time making them extremely interesting throughout the course. They were very fortunate indeed in having such an able instructor as Mr. Dome, and as his services had been entirely voluntary he thought it was up to them to accord him very hearty thanks for the generous way in which he had placed his time and experience at the disposal of the Class once a week throughout the winter. (Applause.) Unfortunately for them, Mr. Dome was leaving Hongkong this year, and he could not help expressing a doubt as to whether the class without his assistance, would continue to be a great success next season as it had been in the past. Mr. Simpson assured Mr. Dome that all the members very much regretted the fact of his leaving, and as an appreciation of the many health-giving and enjoyable Wednesday afternoons spent under his tuition, they asked him to accept a small present as a remembrance of those happy days, together with their very best wishes both for Mr. Dome and himself that they would both enjoy long life and prosperity in the States. (Applause.)

Mr. Dome's Reply.

Mr. Dome, who was loudly applauded on rising to reply, said that the presentation came to him as a great surprise. He thanked all for the kindness they had always shown him and for the beautiful gift they had presented him with, which would always be a reminder of the very happy couple of years they had spent together. He would like also to thank Mr. Smith for the interest he had taken in the class and the great trouble he had taken in recruiting members. He had enjoyed the class as much as anybody, because it was the only class he taught in which he could speak to members in his native tongue. Mr. Simpson had made a statement to the effect that he would probably be leaving this year. He did not know just yet when he was going, but it was doubtful whether he would be in Hongkong after February of next year.

Mr. Dome went on to speak at some length of the benefits of

HONKIN ROBBERY.

MAN AND WOMAN
COMMITTED.

Three of the defendants in the Honkum armed robbery case were discharged by Mr. J. B. Wood at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, after Mr. M. K. Lo, who appeared for the first man, had argued at considerable length. Mr. Lo entered *alibi* and that it was not enough to prove a series of suspicious circumstances, but that there must be connective evidence consistent with guilt.

This left the Magistrate two defendants to deal with. They were Ng Nam, charged with participation in the armed robbery in Mr. J. M. Remedios' house, and Au Yee, a married woman, who was indicted on a count of receiving part of the property stolen in the case.

Before being committed to trial at the forthcoming criminal sessions, Ng Nam was permitted to make a statement, in which he complained of discrimination exercised against him. He said that San Lingcho, who was the informer in the case, together with Au Wing had trapped him into Mr. Remedios' house on the pretext that his assistance was wanted in a painting job, and that once inside he was forced at the point of a revolver to assist in the armed robbery. He had no alternative but to fall in with their wishes, but took no further interest in it after it had been carried out. He did not even know how much money was taken, as he had never pressed the others about this, and had not spent a cash out of the proceeds. He was "not contented." There were others like San Lingcho, "Molochai" and Au Wing who were concerned in it. Why were they not arrested? Why was he picked upon? San Lingcho knew very well that "Molochai" had a gun, and moreover lived together with him. Why was "Molochai" not arrested? The woman was also committed to the sessions on the charge of receiving.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

TSAOFETIEN LIGHT
LIABLE TO BE
DISCONTINUED.

The following notice to mariners has been issued from Shanghai under date April 2:

Tientsin District. Notice is hereby given that owing to the erosion of the shore at Tsao-fetien Island, the existing group flashing light now exhibited from an octagonal black tower is liable to be discontinued without notice. In the event of this occurring, an unattended temporary acetylene flashing light will be immediately exhibited from a trestle structure towards the N. W. of the existing tower.

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A more powerful unattended acetylene light will in due course be erected on this trestle structure to replace the temporary light and notice will be given before this permanent light is established.

Derelict Junk Again.

The Harbour Office issues the following notice to mariners dated April 6:

The following report dated April 6 has been received from the master of s.s. Torney. Passed a wrecked junk at 9.25 a.m. today in Latitude 22° 28' N., Longitude 115° 22' E. mast and stern above water, very dangerous to navigation.

This report nearly coincides with that of the Shantung yesterday, the position being only a mile and a half to the southward of the one given by that ship.

HARBOUR OFFICE
REPORTS.CHANNEL ROCK LIGHT
NOT BURNING.

The s.s. Nam Sang (Captain T. Grant) arriving from Kobe, reports that the Channel Rock Light is not burning.

Weather reports from incoming ships state that fair conditions prevail generally, but close to Hongkong as far as Swatow, the monsoon is blowing strongly with rain and fog.

physical exercises, emphasizing that the exercises should be taken in small doses and continually. The remainder of a very pleasant evening was spent in music and song.

BANDITRY IN CHINA.

BELGIAN PRIEST
RELEASED.

Peking, April 8.—The Belgian Father Decheppe, kidnapped by bandits on January 21, has been released. —*Reuter*.

The Shenku Affair.

Peking, April 8.—According to further details as regards Mr. Tomkinson, the brigands holding Shenku have been pursued for some time by Government troops. Mr. Tomkinson was sent out with a brigand leader to negotiate with the attacking forces, but the efforts were unsuccessful and only made the authorities more determined to regain the town.

The brigands feel that Mr. Tomkinson's efforts made things worse and are therefore avowing that they will kill him directly the city is taken.

It is understood that Hu Ching-si has replied to the Waichinpu by wire, stating that he will be responsible for foreign lives and property in the province. —*Reuter*.

Foreigners in China.

London, April 7.

It is learned that the Foreign Office has received no special representation with regard to the safety of British missionaries in China.

It is pointed out that the Government of China is primarily responsible for the protection of foreign residents, and diplomatic representations seldom fail to ensure that possible protection is given. —*Reuter*.

JAPANESE POLITICS.

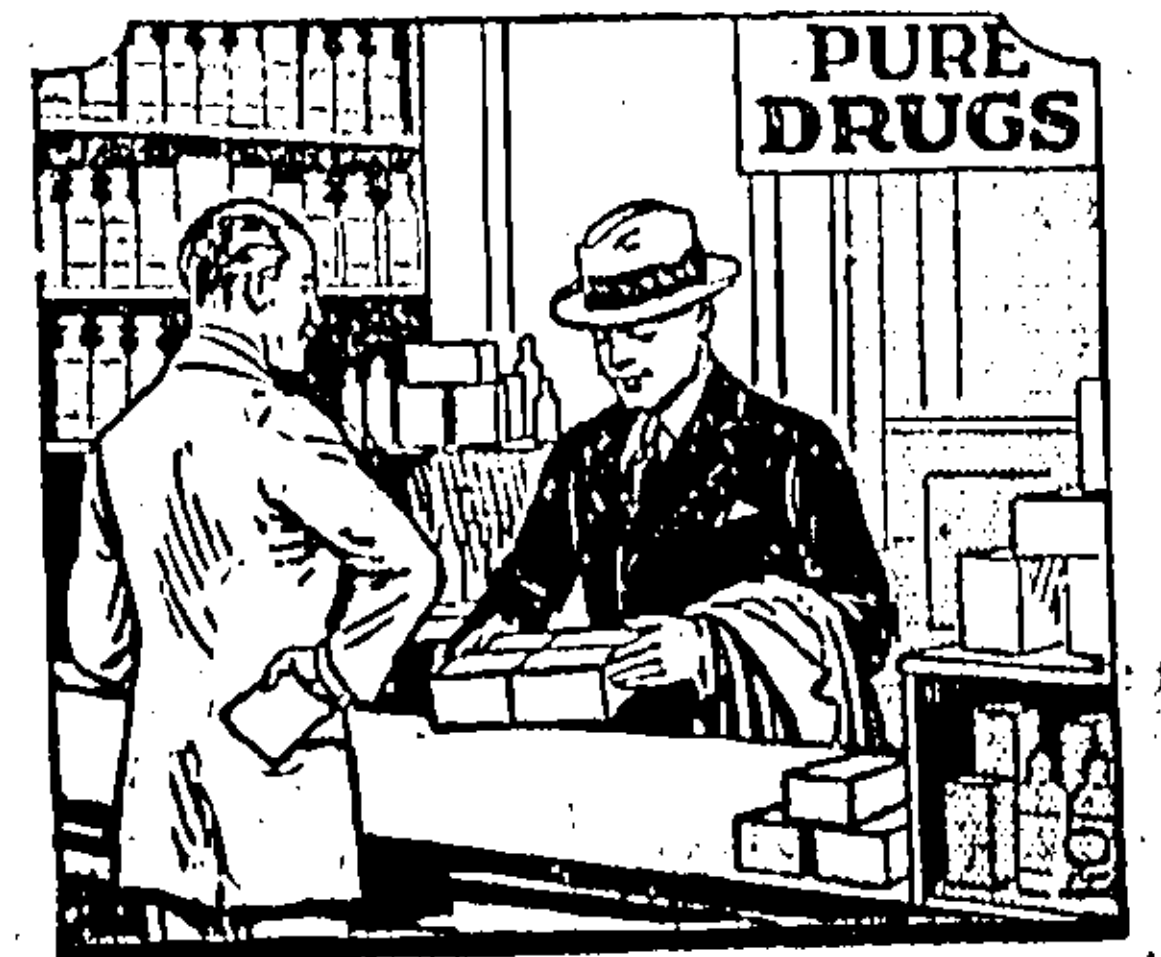
MR. TAKAHASHI TO
RESIGN.

Tokyo, April 7.—Political circles have been considerably agitated during the last few days by Mr. Takahashi's announcement of his intention to resign both from the Cabinet and from the presidency of the Seiyukai. While it is understood that he has already tendered his resignation, official action in the matter has not yet been taken, but the Cabinet are believed to be considering the matter to-day.

General Baron Takaka, ex-Minister for War in the Hara Cabinet, is freely mentioned for the presidency of the Seiyukai.

It is difficult yet to say what the foregoing changes may portend. —*Daily Bulletin*.

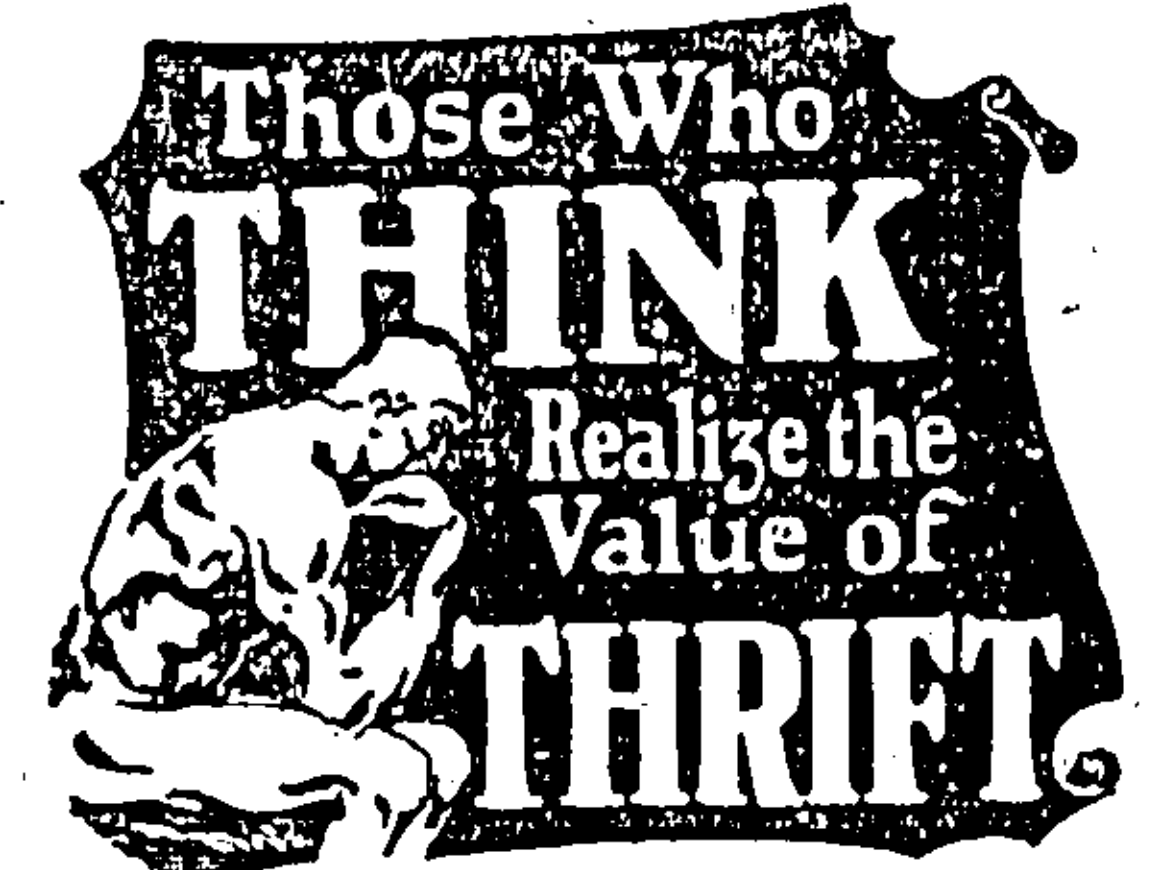
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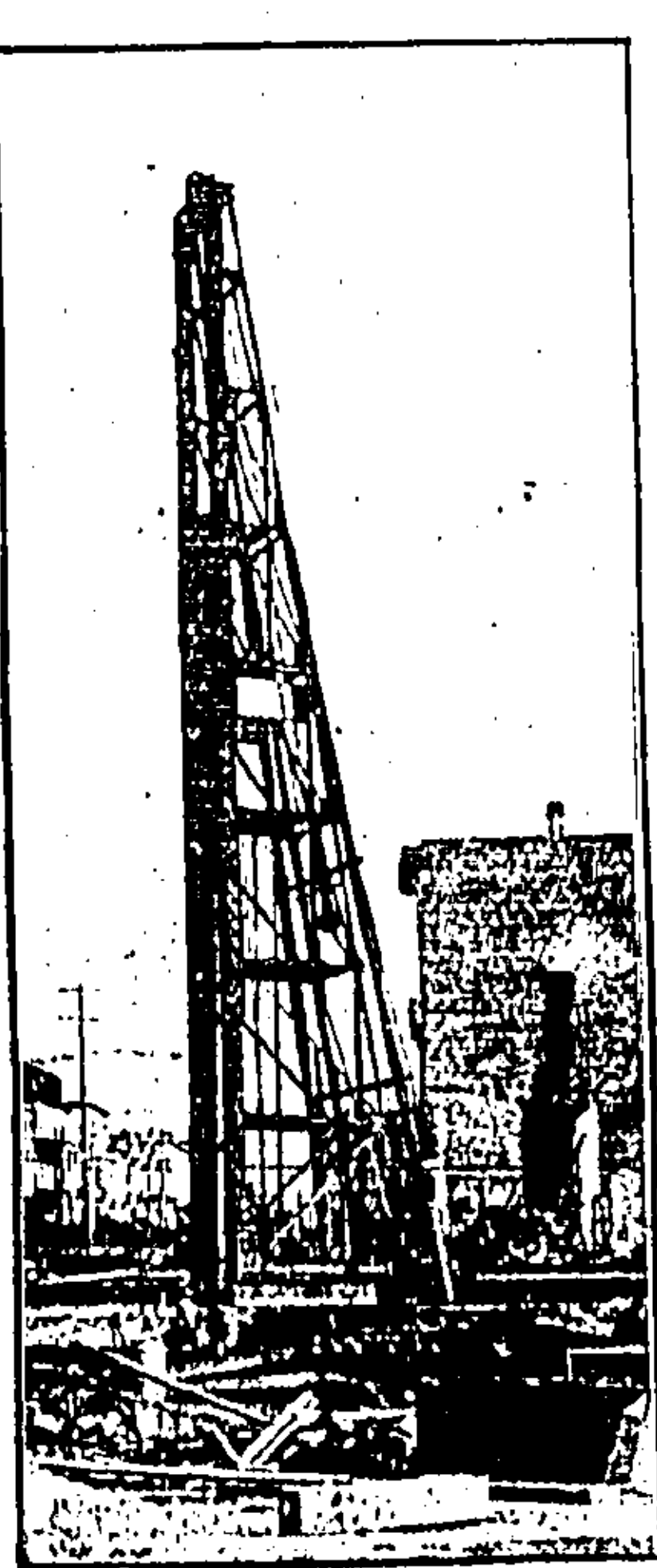
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THE Third Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on **SATURDAY, 11th & MONDAY 13th April 1925** commencing at 3 p.m. The first ball will be rung at 2.30 p.m. each day.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.—Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Season tickets to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

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Hongkong, 7th April, 1925.

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1925.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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6 p.m. Evening Prayer.

Preacher:—REV. G. F. O. E. ARROWSMITH, M.A.

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April 11th.

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Preacher, the Vicar.

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The guards on board opened fire upon the pirates and a fight ensued lasting for three hours. As their supplies of ammunition were exhausted, the guards were eventually overpowered. The pirates then rushed on board and ransacked the junk, and about 60 passengers were kidnapped. The new Magistrate of Shuntak, who was also a passenger on the junk, was reported to be among the kidnapped. The total loss is estimated at \$400,000.

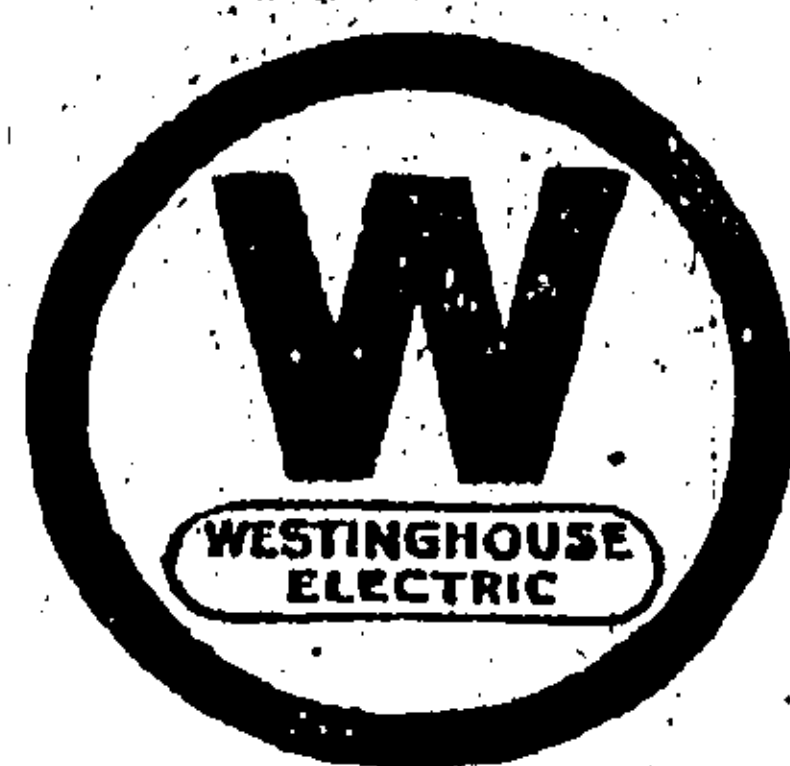
It is stated that the mine was laid by the pirates and that the whole crew of the launch were killed.

According to the employers of the pirated junk, all the pirates were grey uniforms and it is believed that they were soldiers or ex-soldiers.

PROPERTY SALE.**APLICHOW LOTS WITHDRAWN.**

There was a small attendance at the property sale at the China Auction rooms yesterday afternoon, when Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa failed to dispose of three separate lots situated at Aplichow.

The property offered is known as Inland Lot No. 1 and Marine Lots Nos. 12 and 13. The first, comprising an area of about 12,000 square feet, includes part of the site of the Koon Yam Temple. The two other lots contain areas of about 3,000 square feet each. The first lot was started at \$1,000 and after a number of bids reached \$5,100, when the property was withdrawn. The remaining two were also withdrawn after offers of \$1,250 and \$1,000 respectively had been made.



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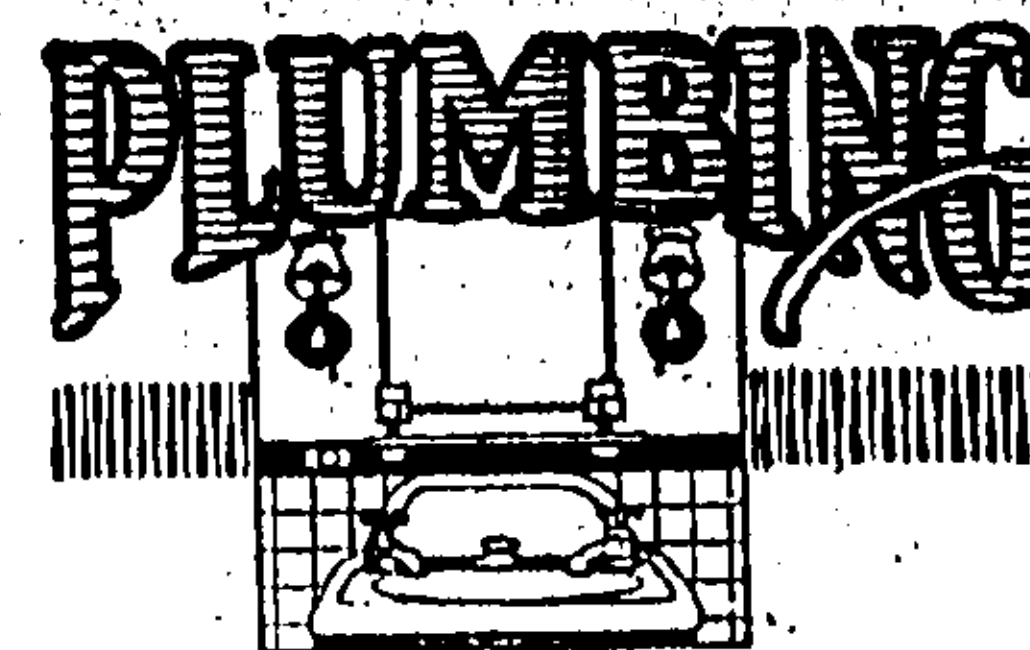
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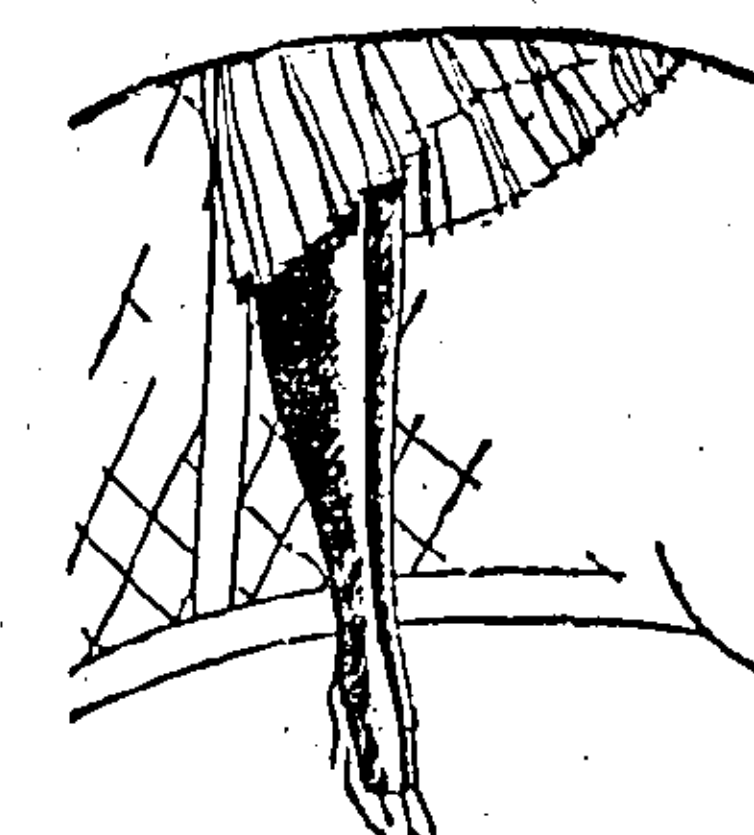
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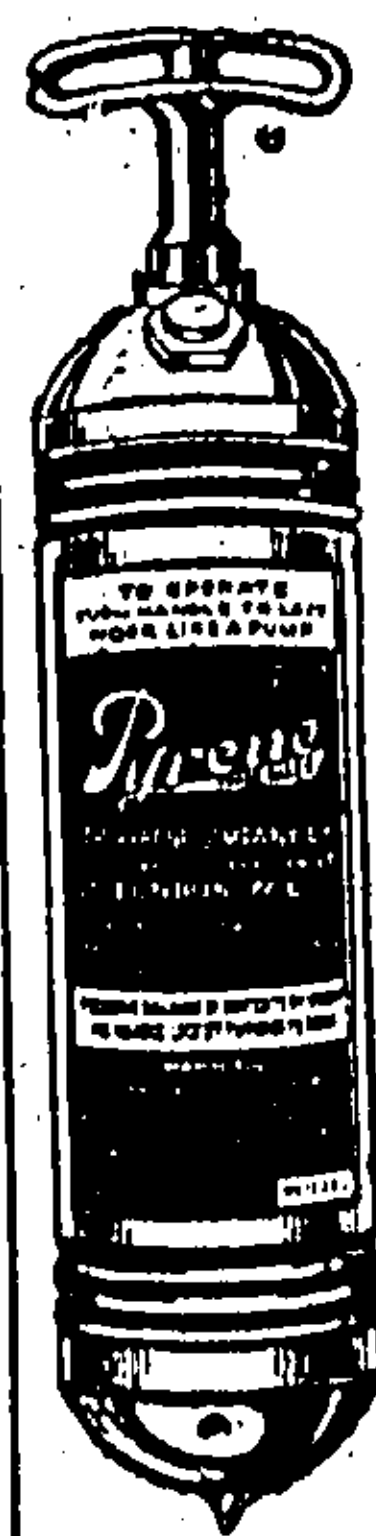
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PRIMARILY
RESPONSIBLE.

One looks back through the recent history of banditry in China with some surprise, for these outrages have become so much an expected event that it can hardly be believed, so far as the risks to foreigners are concerned, that it is less than two years ago that people began to realise the new order of things. With the Linchong outrage there arose the first great stir against the altered conditions in China, and the result of that affair is a matter of history. The position of foreigners in this country then took a very interesting place in public discussion, the while diplomats puzzled out just how they could ensure future protection to their nationals. The net result of the negotiations which followed was the proof that none of the foreign Powers cared to intervene in China, preferring to leave the whole question of adequate steps against lawlessness to the Chinese authorities. It did not take long to convince the most optimistic that in the present state of the country the authorities have little power over bandits; and later, as further outrages occurred, it became an accepted fact that there was no remedy whatever.

From north to south, there have been instances of the scant protection foreigners can expect in the more remote parts of China nowadays. Of late, two outstanding cases have presented themselves for observation—the detention of a Belgian priest, Father Declippele, now reported to have been released after more than two months of captivity, and the case of Mr. Tompkinson, held at Shenkiu by brigands who appear to be in a very ugly mood. There have been murders of foreigners to report, the last twelvemonth or so, as well as illegal detention, and their safety has become a problematical matter wherever they are away from the immediate reach of their own governments. The obvious question which everyone concerned has been asking for some time has been, whether something can be done to impress upon the perpetrators

of these outrages that they cannot do such things with impunity. The natural corollary to such an argument is that the Chinese authorities being impotent, the Powers should themselves take action to do away with the abuses complained of. But it does not require much examination of the problem to realise the futility of advocating such a course, or the practical impossibility at present of an effective plan of international intervention. Were anyone in doubt as to the official attitude on the matter, there is the statement in the Router cable we published yesterday, apparently an inspired communiqué of the British Foreign Office, to the effect that "the Government of China is primarily responsible for the protection of foreign residents." But the really contentious part of the statement is contained in the concluding sentence, "diplomatic representations seldom fail to ensure that all possible protection is given." In this very diplomatic utterance one does not need to be a resident of the Far East to discern two things—that these representations do sometimes fail, and that protection is occasionally impossible. So until a vastly better state of affairs supervenes, foreigners in China must continue to reside there entirely at their own risk.

Expansion.

A corporation with assets totalling twenty million dollars, possessing a chain of hotels throughout the Far East, with further big building and improvement schemes in hand,—such is the great organisation which has grown out of the little company which, only a few years ago, had as its sole possession the Hongkong Hotel. Some idea of the ramifications of such a concern can be gleaned from a perusal of the speech delivered yesterday by the Managing Director of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. The building up of this vast organisation from small beginnings was, by one of the shareholders, yesterday described as "a magical transformation," and the phrase represents a true reflection of what has occurred during recent years. The Company's finest building at the moment is without doubt the Majestic Hotel in Shanghai, but it is said that even this will be eclipsed by the Peninsula Hotel. Coincident with these projects, the Company is busy planning schemes for the introduction of modern ideas of hotel construction in connection with its other properties, so that in course of time it will own a magnificent series of hotels, of its association with which Hongkong will have every reason to be proud. It has been an uphill fight for past and present Directors of the Company to attain the present position, and in this connection a tribute is due to Mr. Taggart, whose organising and administrative ability, as well as his vision regarding future expansion, have been big factors in the development of this great undertaking.

Hard Times.

Some idea of the extent of unemployment at Home may be gathered from the fact that a newspaper recently recorded that there were no fewer than five thousand qualified physicians in London looking for positions. It was added that some of these are to be found asleep at night on the Embankment—that famous resort of those who are "down and out." In explanation, it is said that tremendous activity in British medical schools has created a surplus of both men and women physicians since the war, with the result that thousands are confronted with the choice of starving or of abandoning a profession to which they have devoted years of training. It is the old story of the law of supply and demand, and the thought naturally occurs whether some system could not be devised for preserving some fairly equal standard as between one and the other. Could not the medical colleges, at a time like the present, when conditions are abnormal and likely to continue so for some years, inform prospective students that they

DAY BY DAY.

A FRIEND MAY WELL BE RECKONED THE MASTERPIECE OF NATURE.—Emerson.

To-morrow, being Good Friday, there will be no issue of the Hongkong Telegraph.

Stan Hill's football cartoon, to appear on Saturday, will have a humorous bearing on the recent wet weather which has caused postponement of local matches.

Snapshots of the landing of Admiral Washington and groups of the Hongkong Interport rowing team which recently visited Manila will appear in our Picture Page on Saturday.

An accident occurred near the east gate of the Talkoo Yards yesterday, a Chinese being seriously injured as a result of being run down by a motor-car belonging to the Dragon Company. The driver has been detained. It was stated the injuries caused might prove fatal.

Mr. L. M. Whyte, Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong branch of the Navy League, has received the following letter received from the Head Office in reference to the contribution sent by Hongkong towards the Overseas Relief Fund, as a result of the Flag Day and concert held on Nelson Day, 1924:—"In continuation of my letter of 29th December last, I took the opportunity of bringing to the notice of my Executive Committee at their last meeting, the donation of £500 which had been received from your Branch in aid of the Overseas Relief Fund. I am directed by my Committee to express their very sincere and grateful thanks for this handsome donation and to send their good wishes to your Branch."

MASKED MEN.

FORCE SAFE WITH CROWBAR.

The village of Wongneichong was the scene of a robbery in the small hours of this morning, when a band of masked men raided one of the houses and stole money and property amounting to \$844 in value.

During the absence of the tenant at a dinner at West Point, a number of men, wearing masks over their faces to prevent recognition, rushed into the house. On being told that the key of the safe was with the absent man, the robbers used a crowbar to force the receptacle open, and extracted from it a revolver and 100 rounds of ammunition. In addition they took away money and other property, the whole amounting in value to a rather considerable sum.

No arrests have been made.

would like to teach them medicine, but that the prospects of getting a position after qualifying are slight, advising them at the same time to try law, dentistry or some other profession where the opportunities of making a living are brighter? It does seem hard for young men and women to apply themselves to such a calling as medicine and then, after years of training, to find that there is little outlet for the application of their abilities.

What "Jazz" Is.

A British Trade Union delegation which recently visited Russia brought back many interesting things from that country, amongst others one extremely good phrase. Speaking of the cruelty and grotesqueness brought into the fine arts by the cult of ugliness and the reaction against bourgeois refinement, these Labourites made mention of "the more decadent forms of syncopated noise, known as jazz music." Hitherto, America has been credited with, or blamed for, inventing jazz, but according to these British delegates we must revise our ideas of where jazz comes from and precisely what it means. No longer American, it is a Bolshevik reaction against refinement and "a decadent form of syncopated noise." Of course, there is jazz and jazz; some sounds quite captivating, other varieties even worse than anything conceivable under the description applied to it by these Trade Unionists. All the same, the phrase is quite a neat one, and we fear all too true of much that is passed on to a long-suffering and tolerant public as "real jazz-music."

DEATH OF PATRIARCH TIKHON.



A Moscow telegram sent by Router announces the death, yesterday, of the Patriarch Tikhon, whom the Bolsheviks imprisoned for protesting against the confiscation of Church valuables, and released a year ago after international protest.

SIMPLEX PLASTER CO.

TO-DAY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

NEW METHOD OF PANNELLING.

Speaking at the first annual ordinary general meeting of the Simplex Plaster Co., Ltd., held this afternoon, the Chairman (Mr. D. H. Blake) said:—"Your Directors regret that the results of the year's working have not been as favourable as anticipated when the Company was formed. The loss that has been sustained is, however, comparatively small and has been caused by a series of events which could not have been anticipated by the General Managers."

"You will note in the balance sheet that the land is put down at cost price, viz. \$14,000. Mr. Wong Kwok-shun, shortly after he had acquired the land for the Company, received a tentative offer for it of \$120,000, and states that now it is probably worth at least \$80,000, so that the \$14,000 appearing in the balance sheet may be taken as a very conservative valuation."

"The assembly of the machinery was completed the latter part of May and the factory started operations the first week in June, so the period of operation from the date the machinery started working to the end of the year is only seven months, instead of a full year. As this year is the first of the Company's activities, the comparatively heavy organization expenses and the expenses incurred in securing desirable connections and personnel is a burden which will not materially affect the Company in the future."

"When the Company started operations, the General Managers anticipated finding it necessary to work the plant day and night to fulfil the large contract for plaster which had been made with the Kowloon Tong Company. However, delay was experienced by the Kowloon Tong Company in securing sufficient sites on which to build, and they have not been able to complete the number of houses anticipated. Plaster was supplied for approximately forty houses instead of one hundred and sixty-six houses which the Kowloon Tong Company anticipated furnishing by the end of December last. If this contract for plaster had been completed, your Directors no doubt would have had a much more favourable balance sheet to present. However, ninety odd houses have now been completed and fifty of these will be ready for plaster within the near future. The major portion of the benefits which the Company will derive from this contract will, however, accrue to the Company this year."

"A few months after the plant started operations, our plaster expert, whose services had been secured at considerable expense to the Company, became ill and found it necessary to leave the Colony. His departure caused delay in the development of the Company's export business, the intricacies

of which can only be properly accomplished by one with considerable experience in the manufacture of gypsum products. However, it gives me pleasure to report that the Company has since secured another expert, whose experience in gypsum industries even surpasses that of our former plant manager, and we hope this year will see our export trade firmly established."

"I have pleasure to further report the establishment of a department for the manufacture of ornamental fibrous plaster under the Departmental management of Professor Ciro Tavarelli, who has been a Professor of Ceramics in one of the Universities at Rome, and who is thoroughly informed with all the details pertaining to this industry. The Company has established workshops for this department at Ngau Shi Wan, and has already received contracts for ornamental plasterwork from several architects and from one of the largest local shipping companies. Your Directors have every reason to believe this department will grow to considerable proportions and will be greatly beneficial to the Company."

"The General Managers in conjunction with the plant manager have recently designed and made a machine for the manufacture of what is commonly known as 'sheet rock.' This is a large flat sheet of gypsum plaster with asbestos paper covering, 3/8" thick by 24" wide and from 12 to 14 feet long. This will no doubt prove exceedingly satisfactory for Chinese types of houses, owing to the cheapness of the material itself and its great adaptability. Instead of plastering internal brick walls of Chinese dwellings, 1" wide wood framing strips placed 24" apart and extending from floor to ceiling, are nailed directly to the brickwork. Sheet rock slabs are then nailed to the framing strips and the vertical joints between the sheets are covered with small metal or wood beadings. Paint or colour wash can then be applied to the exposed surface of the sheet rock, and the final result is a beautiful paneled room at a much less cost than if native plaster were used."

"There is a considerable amount of prospective business for the Company to be had in the Colony in connection with the new buildings now under construction, and several large contracts for plasterwork have already been promised to the Company through the General Managers. This, together with a fair proportion of the other available work to be had and the development of our export business, will enable the Company, no doubt, to place before you next year a highly satisfactory report."

LATE BLOSSOMS.

Cherry Blossom time has been retarded owing to severe wintry weather in Japan. Usually the cherry blossoms bloom towards the end of March. This year (says the Japan Advertiser) there is no indication of their budding for some weeks.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

THE EASTER PROGRAMME.

[BY "WANDERER."]

At the time of writing, remote indeed would seem to be the prospects of any improvement in the weather conditions now prevailing and we must, I suppose, resign ourselves to an Easter programme decided on heavy grounds with good football more or less discounted. The principal matches will be the postponed match between Scotland and the Rest in the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup game, and the annual fixture between the League Winners (the Surrey) and the Rest. Both matches will be decided on the Club ground, the first to-morrow and the League Champions game on Easter Monday.

Full comment was made on the International Charity Cup game a week ago and it is only necessary to reiterate that the Rest, with the nucleus of a strong Interport side in their ranks, should win comfortably. The teams are: Scotland: Clarke (Police); McKelvie (Kowloon) and Dewar (Police); Mair (Club); Stewart (Club) and Duncan (Kowloon); Johnston (Club); Forsyth (Club); McBride (Kowloon); Dr. Valentino (Police) and Key (Club). The Rest: Wavish (Tamar); Wheeler (Kowloon) and Wynne (Police); Leung Yuk-tong (South China); Mitchell (Surrey); and Cheung Wing-shing (South China); Charlesworth (Surrey); Eaton (Surrey); Johnson (Police); Li Wai-tong (South China) and Mackleworth (Surrey).

The Rest eleven to oppose the Surrey on Monday has yet to be chosen, or, at least, has yet to come to hand, but it is reasonably certain that the Surrey will be able to field full strength. Without knowledge of the opposition, and remembering the somewhat vagarious committee responsible for the selection of our representative sides, not choosing to risk a forecast, it is useless to attempt to suggest which way the game is likely to go. At the same time it should be possible to get a side together sufficiently strong to defeat the military eleven with a little to spare.

Saturday's league fixtures follows:—

DIVISION I.
Surrey v Club—Club.
China "A" v Kowloon—Soo-kunpo.
Kick-off 4.30 p.m.
DIVISION II.
China "A" v Surrey II—Soo-kunpo.
St. Joseph's "B" v Drums—Chinese.
St. Joseph's "A" v Club Res.—Club.
Kick-off 3 p.m.

Little interest attaches to any of the games though it will be interesting to see how Kowloon emerge from their game with China "A." The Chinese will naturally be all out to avenge their defeat of some six weeks ago. The Surrey should defeat the Club without unduly affecting their possibilities in the game on Monday, after which, by the way, the cups and medals will be presented to the winners and runners-up in Division I and the runners-up in Division II.

The following have been selected to play for the Kowloon Club in a 1st division League match versus South China "A":—F. Angus, D. Dunlop, F. Wheeler, F. Read, A. W. Turner, J. McKelvie (Capt.), B. Pascoe, A. Latkam, S. Hayes, J. McBride, W. Austen, J. Muir.

The following will represent the Hongkong Football Club Reserve in their League fixture with St. Joseph's "A":—F. Angus, E. W. Railton (Capt.), E. Hanlon, P. Richmond, G. Pancheson, S. H. Garrod, B. Bell, E. A. Roberts, A. Ferguson, J. Douglas, J. Dixon.

BILLIARDS.

THE COLONY'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

Playing in the Billiards Championship of the Colony at the Victoria Recreation Club last night, S. C. Kwok beat P. S. Leung by 800 to 785. It was a most interesting game and the issue was in doubt right up to the end. The chief breaks were: Kwok, 40, 33, 32, 31, 28, 20 and 23 (twice); Leung, 30, 37, 30 (twice), 34, 32 (three times), 31, 28 and 27.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor, "Hongkong Telegraph.")

A "Times" Picture.

Sir,—In your issue of yesterday you reproduced a Times photograph entitled "A Jesuit Prisoner" showing an inscription in the Salt Tower of London, "carved by Henry Walpole, a Jesuit priest, who was alleged to be concerned in a plot to rub poison on the pommet of Queen Elizabeth's saddle."

Articles and comments in the Times are usually as accurate and well-informed as they are interesting, but in the issue in which this photograph appeared (Saturday, 21st February) that paper blundered badly in an article in which this particular inscription is described as possibly that of "the Jesuit priest who was hanged in 1594 for bribing a groom to smear poison on the Queen's saddle." The illustration was entitled "A Jesuit Prisoner"; I am glad to see you have altered the last word to "prisoner."

In the Times article the date of the inscription is given as 1572, and it is supposed to have been made during an earlier imprisonment of Henry Walpole. But Walpole was a mere school-boy at that time, having been born in 1559.

Another blunder in the article is that neither Henry Walpole nor any other Jesuit was executed at Tyburn in 1594. The only priest executed there in that year was William Harington, "a seminary priest."

Henry Walpole was put to death, not in 1594, but on 7th April, 1595, not at Tyburn, but at York. He was found guilty on three charges, none of which had anything to do with the absurd poison story. Those charges were, that (1) he was a Jesuit, (2) he had gone abroad to be ordained priest, (3) he had returned to England to exercise his priestly office.

The Venerable Henry Walpole died for his priesthood and his faith after he had refused the offer of his life on condition of his apostasy.

Three days after the publication of the absurd poison story, the Times printed a brief correction, but it was hidden away in an obscure paragraph, while the scandalous charge against this Catholic martyr had been given a prominence that must have called the attention of every reader of the newspaper to it.

The whole ignorant slander would not have been out of place in the No-Popery gutter press, but is a disgrace to the Times.

Yours, etc.,
A. M. D. G.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1925.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

PROVISIONAL ADVISORY ASSEMBLY.

Peking, April 8.
The Cabinet are considering the establishment of a Provisional Advisory Assembly, the function of which will be to advise the Chief Executive.

According to the regulations submitted to the Cabinet yesterday, the Assembly will consist of one delegate from each of the military and civil authorities of the provinces, one from each of the special districts, namely, Metropolitan Area, Jehol Suai-yuan, Chahar, and Heikang, and one from each of the Tapanes of the Frontier Defence Force, and also from the Commanders of troops under the direct control of the Central Government, 16 delegates from Mongolia, Tibet, Chinese Turkestan, the Chinese overseas and the Chairman of the Provincial Assemblies, one delegate from each of the Provincial public bodies, and 10 to 15 delegates specially employed by the Chief Executive.

The Assembly will discuss the resolutions of the Reorganisation Conference regarding financial and military readjustment, also matters connected with the national treasury, national taxation and foreign treaties, and it will also attempt to promote provincial self-government pending the completion of the national and provincial constitutions.

The Assembly will have a Speaker, a Vice-Speaker and a Chief Secretary.—Daily Bulletin.

CRICKET.

K.C.C. MATCHES.

Kowloon meet Hongkong in a League match on the Hongkong ground on Saturday. The following will represent the K.C.C.:—H. Overy, J. O. Lyle, F. Goodwin, A. W. Ramsay, J. C. Fletcher, S. Jax, K. R. Macaskill, Goo. Lee, A. R. F. Raven, R. C. Witcomb and B. Petheram. K.C.C. "A" v. C.O.S.C. "A". On Saturday these teams meet on the K.C.C. ground. The following have been selected to represent the home Club:—W. F. J. Gorvin (capt.), A. J. Kow, J. A. R. Duncan, E. G. Renton, J. C. Long, W. Hill, J. Smith, E. O. Murphy, W. A. J. Taylor, H. G. Hallam and C. L. Evans.

FOOTBALLERS v. CRICKETERS.

The following team will represent the Kowloon Football Club, in a cricket match versus the Kowloon Cricket Club, to be played on Monday, 13th inst., on the Kowloon Club's ground, commencing at 10.30 a.m.:—F. Read, M. Howarth, W. Austen, S. Randle, J. Davis, S. G. Hayes, A. W. Turner, A. Fitzgerald, A. Spary, C. E. Millard, F. Wheeler. Reserve:—C. Lake. Umpire:—A. W. Bliss. Scorer:—C. Bond.

LORD BALFOUR AT DAMASCUS.

CROWDS ATTACK HIS HOTEL.

Damascus, April 8.

Lord Balfour has arrived here. Crowds later demonstrated outside his hotel, and the manager rushed into Lord Balfour's room, closed the shutters and turned off the lights. The crowds hurled stones on to the balcony, hitting a dragonman. The police forced the demonstrators back from the hotel towards the square opposite, where fiery speeches were delivered.

Several persons were arrested. Quiet was restored by this evening. Numerous police are remaining in the vicinity of the hotel.—Reuter.

VON HINDENBURG YIELDS.

Berlin, April 8.
Von Hindenburg has yielded to stand for the Presidency.—Reuter.

SADOU GETS OFF.

Paris, April 8.
Sadoul has been acquitted of the charge of desertion during the war.—Reuter.

"FUTBOLISMO."

New Rival to Bull Fighting.

More than thirty years of absence are apt to blunt the memory of former visits, making it difficult to say how much Seville has changed in the interval.

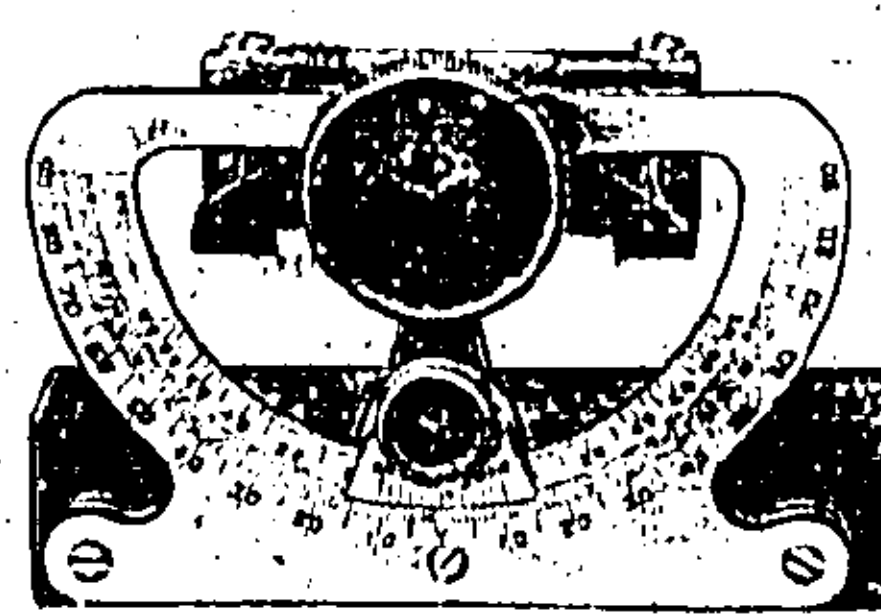
A quarter of a century must have had some effect on the "very noble, very loyal, very heroic, and unconquered city," but the change is hard to find, and most of its characteristic features remain unaltered, writes a Times correspondent. The smart carriages of former days, with their gaily harnessed mules, have given place to motor-cars quite as costly but infinitely less picturesque; but the streets are as ill-paved as ever. Aeroplanes may circle round the tower of the Giralda—wildfowl undreamt of by its Moorish and Catholic builders—but Holy Faith the Giralda, still confiding in Justa and Rufina, her guardian saints, displays her banner undimmed and turns lightly constant to the changing breeze.

But in the Giralda there could be no change, nor in the great cathedral at its side; though it is pleasant to see that at last, after many years, the latter is free from scaffolding. St. Paul's is not the only church visited by affliction. The Cathedral of Seville is only now recovered from the double collapse that befell its dome towards the end of last century. And there is little change in the rest of the city, whose daily life seems unaffected by what has changed the aspect of great cities elsewhere.

The returned traveller may think Seville unchanged, but that does not seem to be the opinion of the Liberal, which ought to be

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rather in favour of change than otherwise. And the change that newspaper laments is one that affects the most sacred of Spanish institutions, the bull-ring. "Todo se transforma. Esto matara a aquello." ("Everything changes, and one thing kills another"), it avails. Seville, the Mecca of bull-fighters, is now become the temple of "futbolismo." Who talks of toreros now? Who buys their pictures? Who follows them on their daily walks? They have been abandoned, utterly and completely, in favour of the footballer—futbolista, we should say. And the strange and dreadful thing, says the Liberal, is that the same people who once lived only for the one are now living for the other—the aficionados themselves. Listen to them: no longer do the names of bull-fighters fall from their lips. No; with the same passionate eulogy they celebrate the merits of Hermilio and Kinke (futbolista of renown it may be supposed). No longer do they talk of medias varónicas, pases naturales, and molinetas. All their conversation to day is of "penalties," "chuts," and "orsais." These wonderful sportsmen, remarks another newspaper, in scorn, "these heroes of a hundred hotly contested disputes round the arena of the bullring, are now become the Messiahs of a new and exotic sport, writing and talking of nothing else, and spreading the fame of its exponents, even to Chile and Peru.

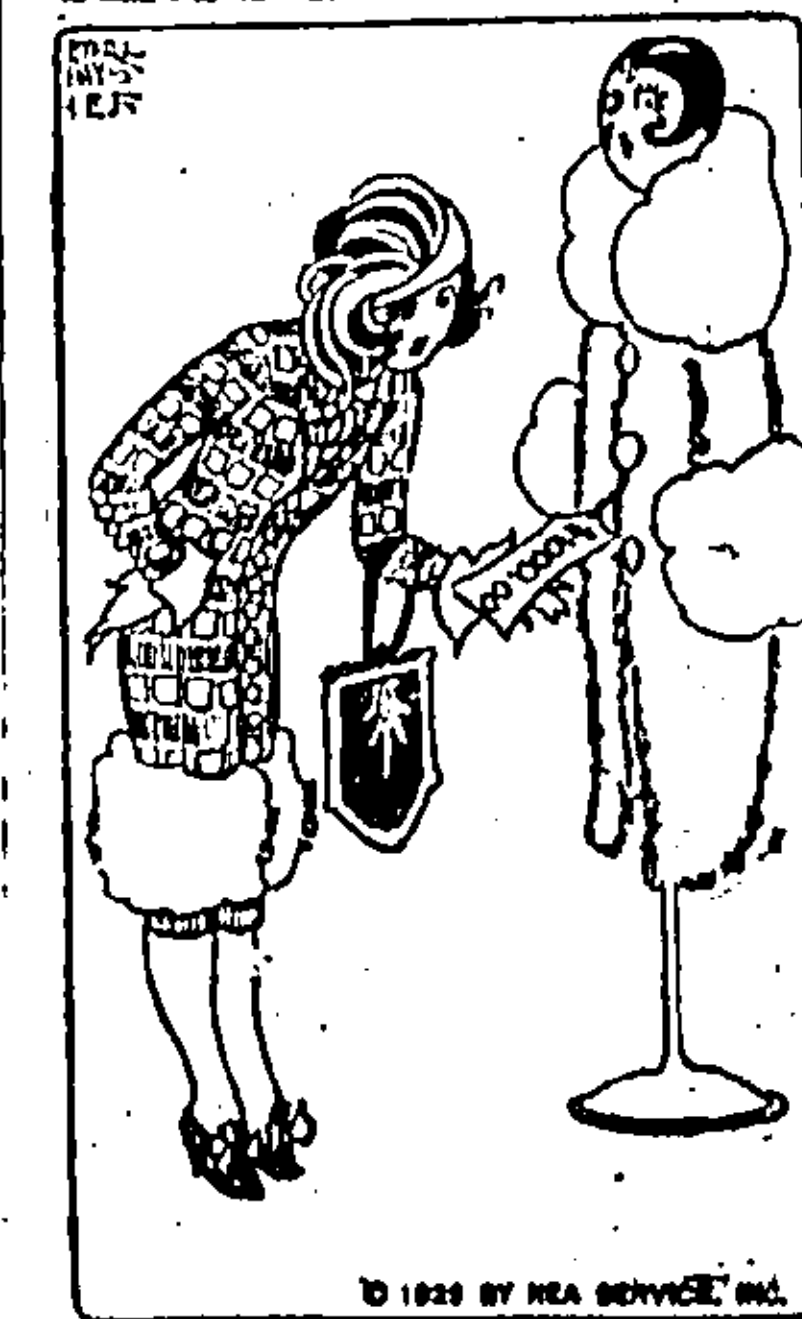
KINKE AND HIS "CHUTS."

Shades of Bombita and Zapato! Has it really come to this? Are the great capadas and their exploits forgotten in favour of a Kinke and his "chuts"? By the way, "chut" is spelt differently as a verb, as, for instance, "Kinke shoots infalliblemente," or, in our own poor language, "Kinke took a good shot and scored a goal"; but careful research has not revealed the meaning of an orsal, unless it has come to Spain by way of Franco and means a "try." But is this transformation bewailed by the Liberal possible? It is true that one may walk many times a day up and down the Sierras—then narrow thoroughfare that is generally thronged with toreros and aficionados—without seeing either one or the other. But for the matter of that one will not meet a futbolista either, at least not to recognize him as such. Also, it is not yet the bull-fighting season. It is curious, however, what a large space futbol is beginning to occupy in the Spanish newspapers. One might also say in Spanish streets and open places, for no longer does the small boy ape the matador with a dirty handkerchief and slay his charging comrade. Today he is occupied in kicking imaginary goals with an old tennis ball.

It would seem, however, that the Liberal of Seville is unduly pessimistic and that bullfighting is not so near death as it thinks. Indeed, to judge from the Madrid journals, it must be very much alive, and keeping up, too, with the spirit of the times. For the toreros have now a trade union of their own like all other working men; and, naturally, the imperatives of the bull-ring have also formed themselves into an association. The consequence is a very pretty quarrel that attracts quite as much attention as futbol news. The question involved is too technical for full explanation, but the sermon addressed by a sporting newspaper to toreros suspected of blacklegging—of signing contracts inconsistent with the rules of their union—deserves a wider publicity if only as evidence of the serious side of bull-fighting. What is known as the quite in the bull-ring is the act of drawing off the attention of the bull, sometimes at considerable personal risk, from a fallen man or horse. "El quite," says the journal, "is the symbol of the torero, the very essence of bull-fighting. It is risking one's life for a comrade. The torero makes a profession of the most unselfish, the most humanitarian action in the world. Judas could not make a quite. Judas could not be a torero. Don Quixote, yes. But not Judas. Judas could never have presented himself before the public as a torero; he would have been driven out of the ring. It is useless for him to sign treacherous contracts; he never finds a public accept him; he will only end in hanging himself again. Judas could not belong to the union of toreros."

So that's that. On the whole, one is inclined to agree.

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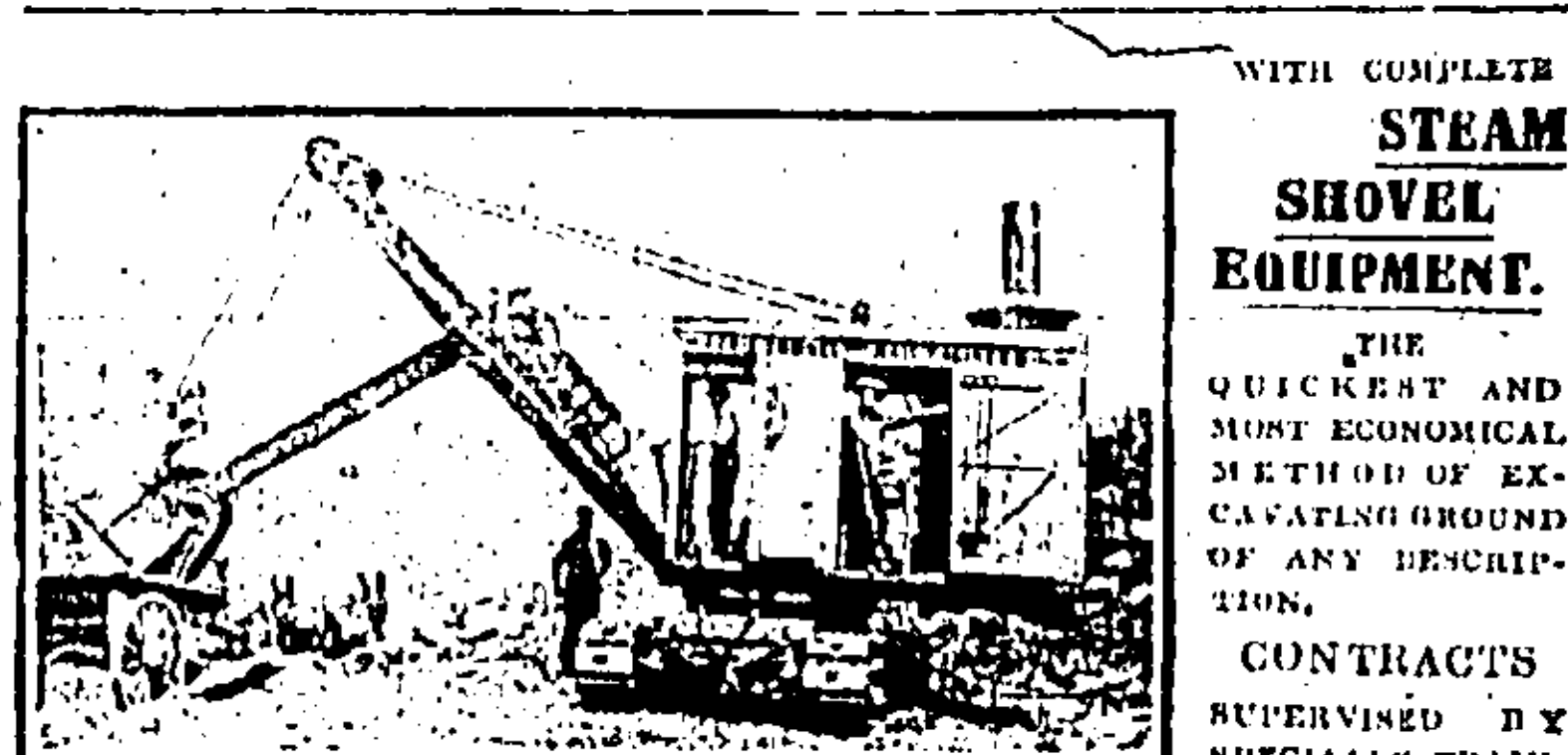
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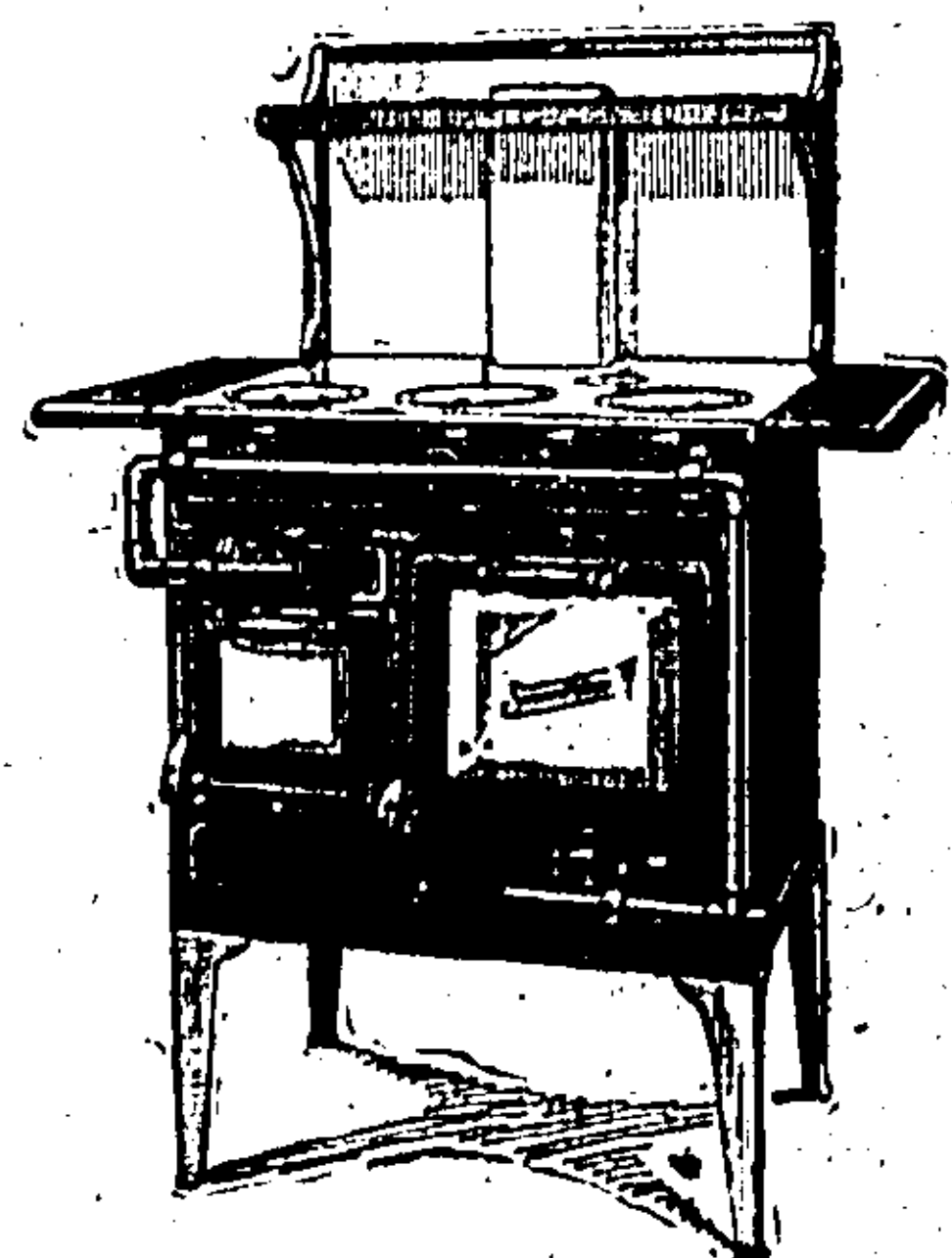
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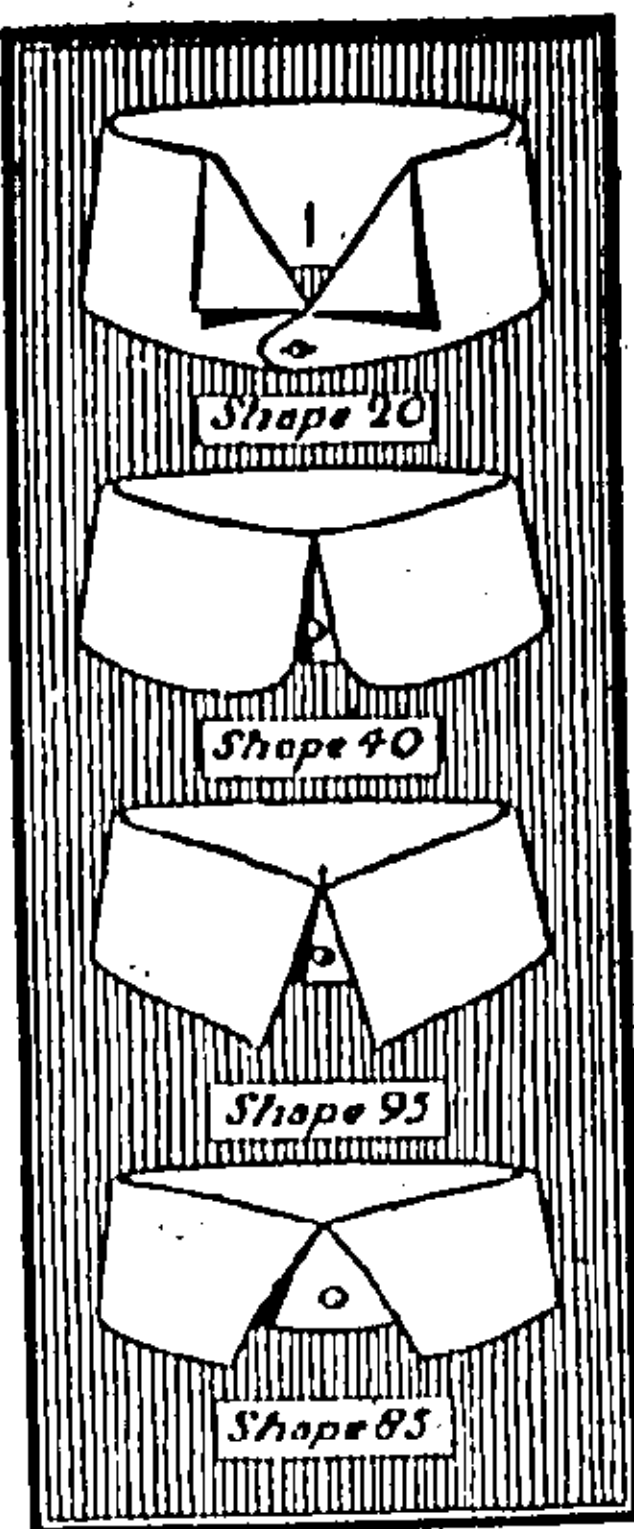
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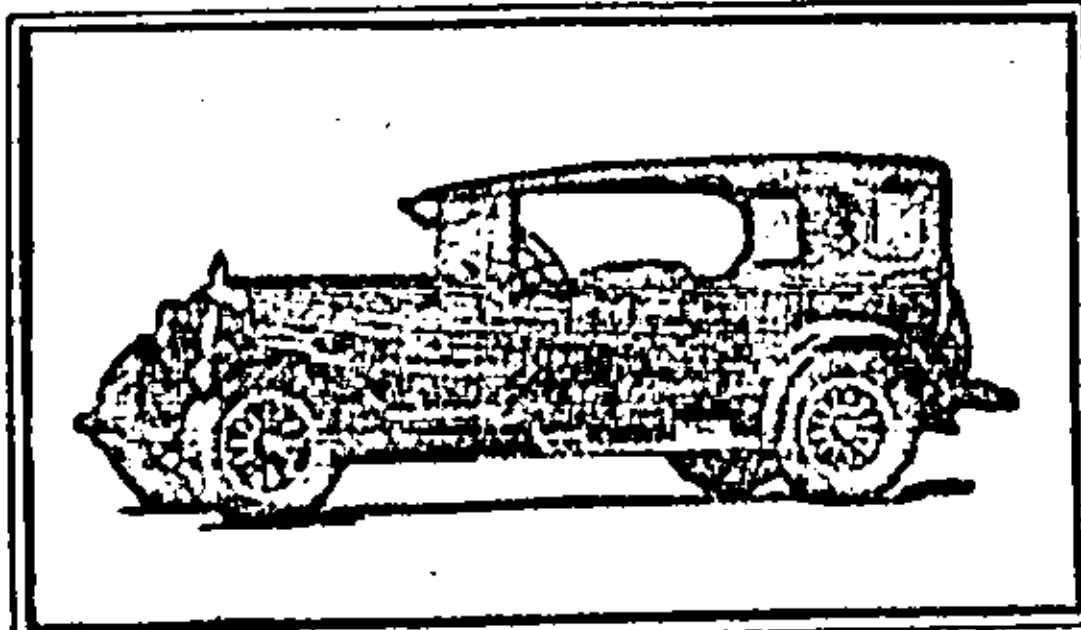
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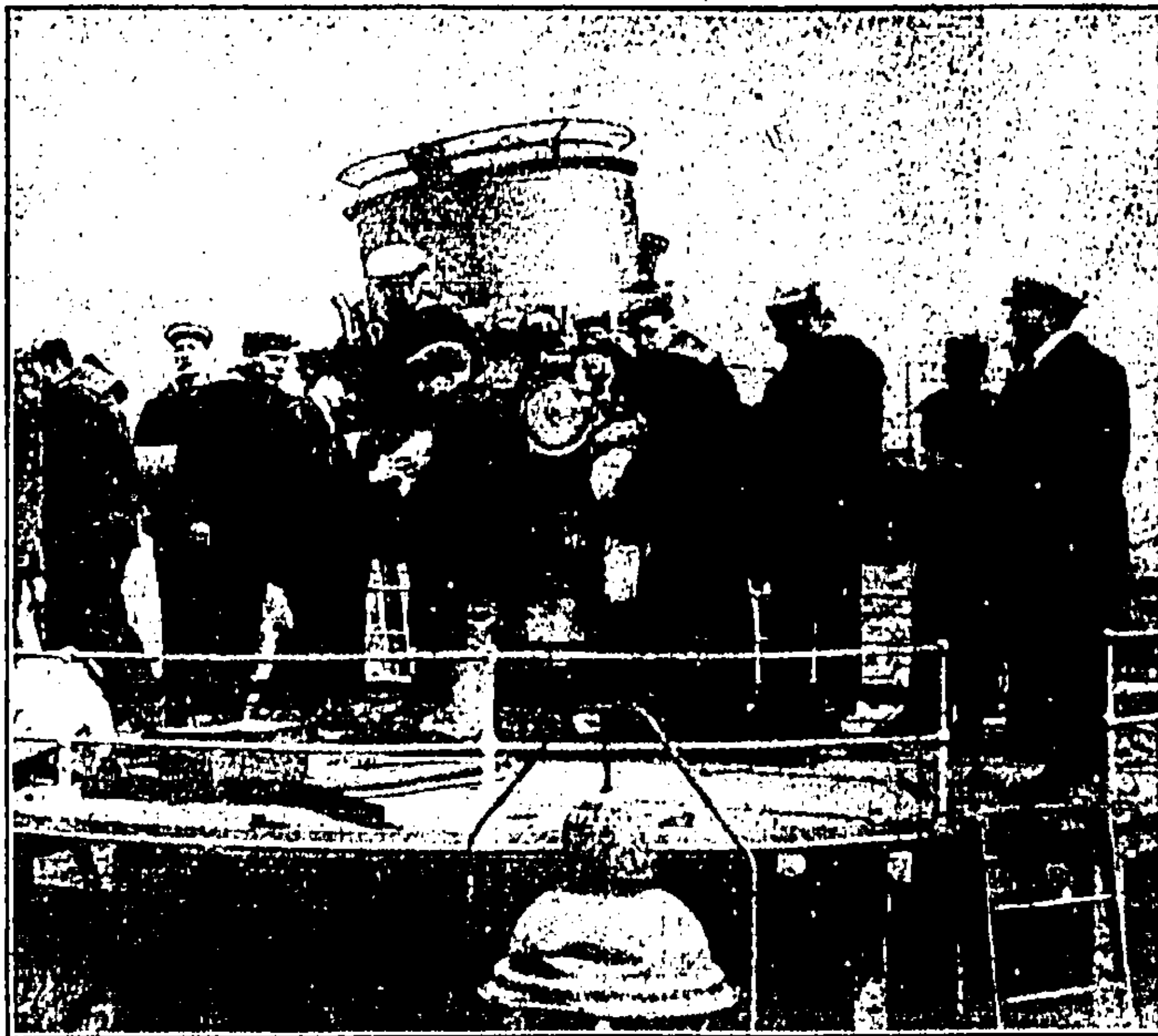
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CAMERA NEWS



RE-CONDITIONING AT COWES.—Men of the Greek naval mission watching the reconditioning of a gun in one of the Greek destroyers that are being overhauled at Cowes. Two of the four ships have been taken back to Greece. ("The Times" copyright photograph).



REBUILDING THE STRAND.—With the progress that is being made in the rebuilding of the south side of the Strand, the effect of the widening of this important thoroughfare become increasingly apparent. The width of the old street is shown just beyond the new theatre on the right, where a few old buildings remain. ("The Times" copyright photograph).



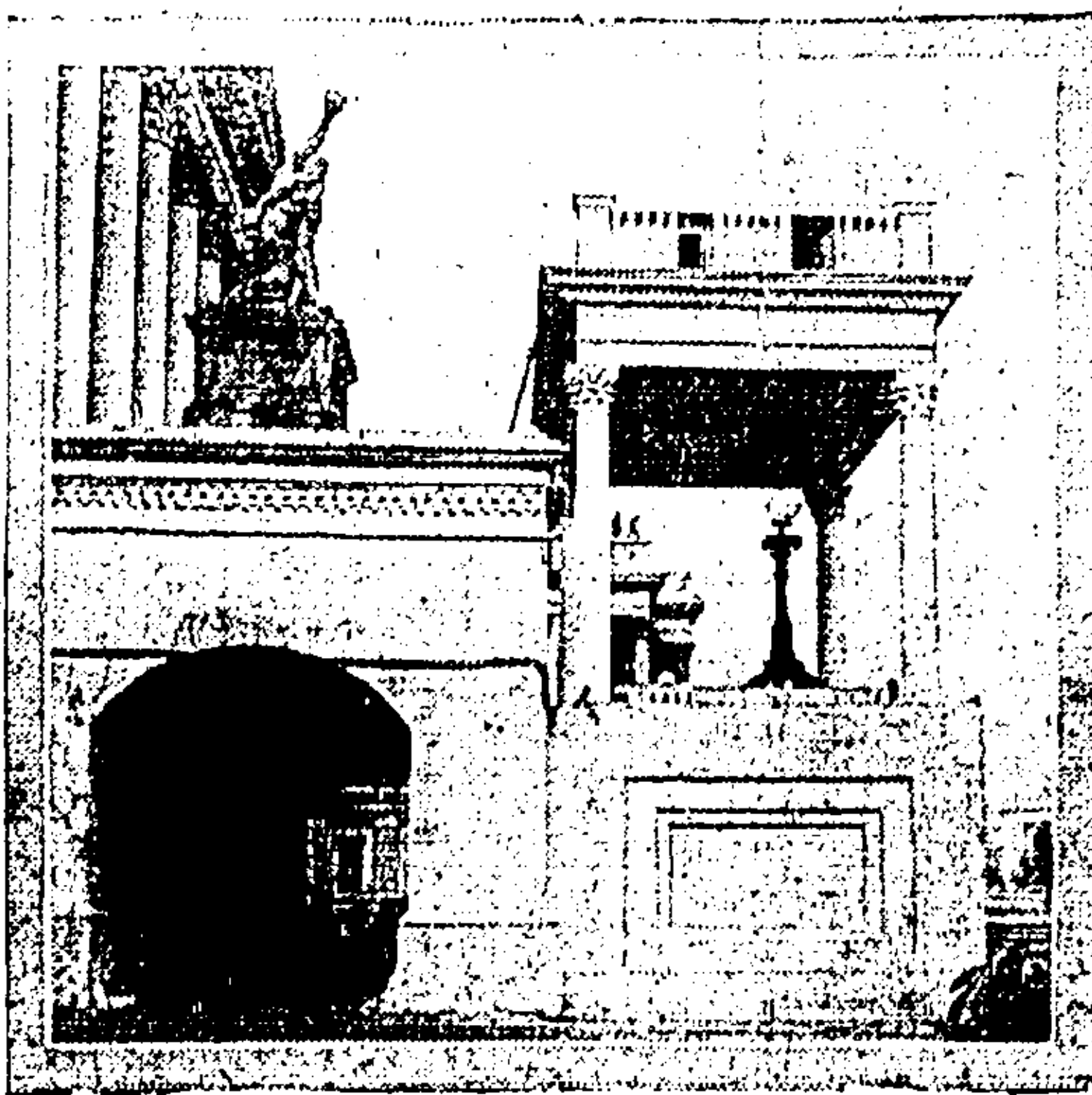
BEAUFORT POINT-TO-POINT MEETING.—Mr. W. Filmer-Sanket's Crot Armenia, the winner, taking the last jump in the Buck's Club race. Mr. Filmer-Sanket, of Ogilby, where farming is being carried on, the daughter of the Duke of Westminster last year, taught 1200 Armenian orphan boys and girls. ("The Times" copyright photograph).



TO ARMENIA.—Mrs. Samuel Newman of Seattle has been appointed official inspector of agricultural education in Russia. ("The Times" copyright photograph).



FROLICS.—When the thermometer rose to 67 the horses at the state armory in Boston, began to canter and frolic.



INAUGURATION STAND.—Upon this stand President Coolidge was given the oath of office by William Howard Taft, chief justice, former president.



CHANGED STORY.—Here is Admiral Wm. R. Shoemaker, who was testified by Lieut. Col. W. G. Shaffner, Jr., before the House Aircraft Investigating Committee, changed a story on the sinking of warships by aerial bombs, so that it would not reveal to the public the helplessness of the Navy against aeroplanes.



MEXICAN ACTRESS.—Maria Conesa, Mexican actress, will soon be seen in a Spanish play on the American stage. Here she is shown in a typical Mexican costume.

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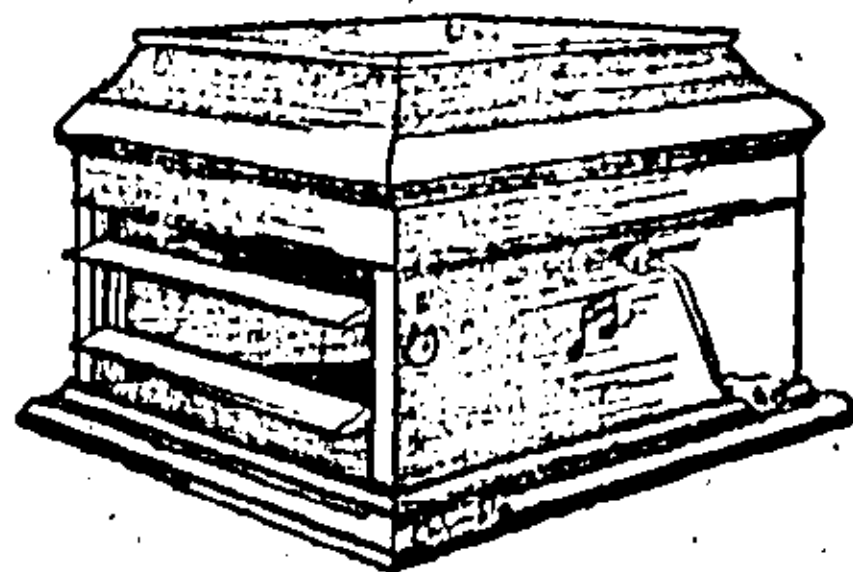
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PEARL FISHING.

Methods in the Indian Seas.

An outline of the methods of
 pearl fishing in the Indian seas
 was given by Dr. Baint Prashad,
 officiating Director of the Zoo-
 logical Survey of India, in a lect-
 ure at the Indian Museum, Cal-
 cutta, on "The Story of a Pearl."

The lecturer said that the news
 of a projected pearl fishery round
 Ceylon and along the Indian coasts
 was advertised all over India and
 it was conveyed with amazing
 rapidity all along the coasts to
 fishing people and others inter-
 ested. As a result, at the appoint-
 ed time a heterogeneous popula-
 tion numbering 20,000 to 40,000
 gathered in what previously was
 only an uninhabited desert area.
 A temporary town covering a site
 of about a square mile, with streets
 of houses, shops, court houses,
 prisons, hospitals and markets is
 now rapidly established. In the
 neighbourhood large fresh water
 tanks for drinking and bathing
 purposes are constructed. At
 the same time a fleet
 of over 200 boats is collected
 along the shore. The arrange-
 ments are entirely in the hands
 of Government officials who are
 detailed to supervise the fishery
 on behalf of the Government.

"The divers," the lecturer con-
 tinued, "who belong to various
 classes, the chief being coast
 Tamils, Moormen from around
 Madras, Malayalams from the
 Malabar coast and the Arabs
 from Ceylon are usually strong,
 and hefty men men and go out
 fishing in different kinds of boats.
 In Ceylon the fishing grounds are
 usually situated about five miles
 from the shore, while round
 Tuticorin and other parts of
 India they are about ten miles
 distant.

STARTING OUT.

"The land wind under favour-
 able conditions commences to
 blow soon after midnight, and, on
 the signal for the starting of the
 boats being given, the boats each
 with its complement of divers,
 start out to the banks. After
 reaching the banks the boats are
 stopped, and every-
 thing being ready, on the
 board a diving stone, weigh-
 ing about 30 lbs., to which a
 strong rope is attached, and a
 basket, or more often a net tied
 in a similar manner, are slung
 over the boat's side. The diver,
 without any diving dress or any
 other apparatus, gets into the
 sea over the side of the boat and
 stands on the stone, holding the
 rope in his left hand. He now
 takes a deep breath and then,
 closing the nose with his right
 hand or by means of a metal
 clip, gives the signal for the
 ropes to be let loose. As a result
 the diver with the ropes and
 stone begins to travel down to
 the bottom at a very rapid rate.

"On reaching the bottom he
 lets go the rope attached to the
 diving stone and rapidly collects
 as many oysters as he can into
 the basket or the net. After
 about 50-80 seconds he gives the
 basket or net rope a jerk and
 comes up to the surface to rest
 and regain breath. The
 basket or net is meanwhile
 pulled up, and the oysters
 emptied into the boat. The divers
 always work in pairs, two to each
 stone, and there are usually four
 to five pairs of divers on each
 boat. They work from morning
 to about mid-day, and then return
 to the shore, where the oysters
 are taken to the fishery store-
 yard to be divided between the
 Government, who own the fishery,
 and the divers who collect the
 oysters.

"The oysters are now allowed
 to die and rot or are boiled to re-
 move the tissues, after which the
 pearls are taken out and washed.
 Those attached to the shells are
 also carefully separated. All
 these pearls are washed in a
 number of changes of sea water
 and are sold on the spot to pearl
 merchants who have arrived at
 the area to buy up immediately
 from the drivers and the Govern-
 ment officials all the pearls that
 are taken out of the oysters."

ODDS ON ST. PAUL'S.

The odds against the dome of
 St. Paul's falling are, at the
 moment, four thousand to one
 according to the Insurance
 brokers, who are offering £100
 policies for 6d. Few of the firms
 in the neighbourhood of the
 Cathedral think it worth while
 insuring against the falling of the
 dome, though one has taken out
 a policy for £50,000 at 6d. per cent.

TO-DAY'S FASHION.



The frock is a big kasha
 affair with bindings of cherry
 red to match the tie. Especial
 credit should be given the
 clever little tabs, on each
 side front, that keep the full-
 ness of the skirt in the most
 unwrinkable spot and also
 mark waist line.

SIR OLIVER LODGE
ON TELEPATHY.Importance of Psychical
Phenomena.

Sir Oliver Lodge, speaking
 recently at the Press Club, where
 he was one of the principal guests
 at the "Science Night" dinner,
 said he had no complaint with
 what was being done by the Press
 for science. Whenever there was
 a new discovery or a new pro-
 tected discovery or sensational
 announcement from any part
 of the world he was rung up on the
 telephone to say what it all
 meant. (Laughter.)

"We are living in wonderful
 times," continued Sir Oliver.
 "The twenty-four years of this
 century have been such that I do
 not know any previous quarter
 century in the world's history
 equal to it. I have investigated
 telepathy and I tell you it is a
 reality. I am not out to fool
 myself and others. I want to find
 out the facts. At present we do
 not understand it. We do not
 know how to explain it. We
 have not a theory, but that will
 come in time.

"At present we know it is a
 fact that one mind can act on
 another by other than the ordi-
 nary channels of sense. The
 physical process, when I am
 speaking to you, is comparatively
 insignificant. The mental process
 can go on between one mind and
 another without these indirect
 physical processes. I shall not be
 surprised. It will show that
 mind is not inseparably associ-
 ated with matter, but can exist
 without matter, can go on apart
 from the brain, and that though
 the brain is necessary to mani-
 fest it, it is not necessary for the
 thought and memory to persist."

"I hope you will make people
 realise that these things, if true,
 are really important, and that
 the evidence for them is very
 strong. I cannot convey to you
 too strongly my feeling of the
 reality of these things."

Sir Ronald Ross said as a na-
 tion we are not spending enough
 money on the investigation of the
 causes of disease. "The cancer pro-
 blem," he observed, "remains to
 be solved; and we have not even
 yet found the germs for scarlet
 fever and measles. We are spend-
 ing £180,000 a year on medical
 research, or only one penny per
 annum per head of the popula-
 tion. The human being is the
 king of the world and must do-
 minate disease." Alluding to
 the mosquito, with which his own
 work has been particularly as-
 sociated, Sir Ronald said that by
 malaria alone he estimated the
 death toll at two millions per
 year. Even to-day whole colonies
 and vast tracts of the world were
 rendered useless by the mosquito,
 and Colonial Governments, he
 declared, were not pushing for-
 ward nearly fast enough in the
 investigation of the diseases for
 which it was responsible.

FATE OF TWO ISLANDS.

Altar, Monastery, and Dynamite
Factory.

Lovers of Brissago are anxiously
 waiting to hear the fate of the
 two islands, with their beautiful
 exotic vegetation, passed by the
 steamers from Locarno to Bris-
 sago on their way across Lake
 Maggiore, says an Italian cor-
 respondent. For the Isola dei
 Conigli, as they are also called,
 have a history, and now that the
 Baronne Antoinette St. Leger,
 their owner, has become bank-
 rupt, speculation is rife as to the
 fate when they are put up to
 auction to pay her creditors.
 The reserve price is 100,000
 francs for the two islands, and
 the Tassinis are all hoping that
 they will be bought by a native
 purchaser.

In the larger isle, Isola San
 Pancrazio, the Romans had
 erected an altar to Venus, and in
 1131 Giovanni Meda founded a
 monastery there, dedicated to the
 saint whose name the island bore
 thenceforth. Later on, in 1570, at
 the instigation of the Cardinal
 Borromeo, the Pope suppressed
 the order of the Umiliati, to
 whom the two islands belonged,
 with the result that the monastery
 was closed.

After passing through different
 hands, the larger isle was rented
 in 1885 by a French company for
 the establishment of a dynamite
 factory which, previously erected
 at Ancona for furnishing the
 dynamite used in the pining of
 the St. Gotthard, had caused an
 explosion in that town. The
 Swiss communes on Maggiore,
 however, protested, and the
 factory was removed to a town in
 Lombardy.

Ten years later, the Baronne
 St. Leger bought San Pancrazio
 from a Brissago family, and Isola
 Sant' Apollonia from the com-
 mune, and set about turning them
 into the idyllic spots they have
 become. The former has a
 beautiful villa, a little church,
 cottages for the gardeners and
 dependents, and marvellous
 gardens; the latter contains the
 ruins of a little monastery and a
 tiny church, both surrounded by
 fields.

LABOUR COUNCIL FORBIDS
JAZZING.

Edmonton Urban District
 Council, which has a Labour
 majority, has forbidden jazzing at
 its municipal dances. Complaints
 were received by the Dance Com-
 mittee, who requested the Chair-
 man to stop the jazzing. The
 Chairman (Mr. T. J. Harinton),
 who is a Socialist, stated that the
 two reasons for the Council's
 action were: That jazz dancers
 during waltzes took up too much
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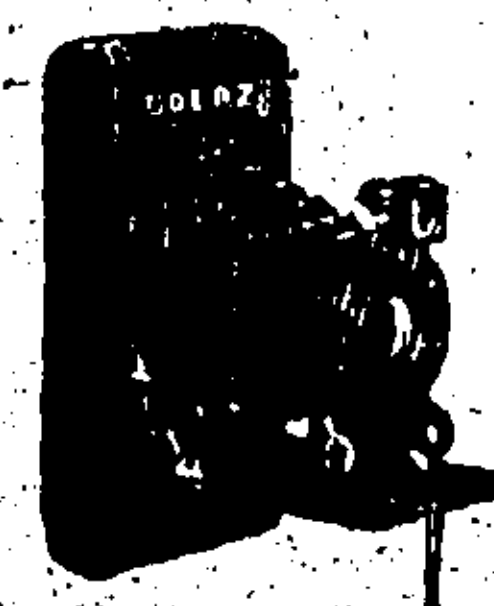
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CURRENT PICTORIAL NEWS.



Scotland's Soccer team proved superior to the other national eleven in this season's International Cup Games at Shanghai, winning all matches handily, and taking the final from England, by the rather one-sided score of five to two. Our photograph shows the two teams just before the final game at Pioneer Field. Mr. F. S. Bridges, Hon. Secretary of the Shanghai Football Association, stands at the extreme left.



The opening gun of the baseball season, as the sport writers say, was fired when the New York Yankees opened the new training camp built for them at St. Petersburg, Fla. Al Lang, president of the Florida League, is tossing the first ball to Miller Huggins, Yankee manager, at home plate, while the scribes and Pharisees and photographers look on.



St. Joseph's Church Shanghai was the scene of a pretty wedding on March 26, the Rev. Father MacDonald, S. J., officiating, when Miss Gracie Winifred Goarey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Goarey of Lindfield, Sydney, became the bride of Mr. Percival Clare, of Shanghai, son of the late Mr. Alfred Clare and Mrs. Clare, of Wimbledon. Mr. F. H. Goarey (brother of the bride) gave her away, and Mrs. F. H. Goarey was matron-of-honor. The bridegroom was accompanied by Mr. W. G. R. Murphy as best man, while Messrs. P. E. Newton, R. A. C. Watson, and T. B. Tilley performed the duties of ushers. Here we have the bridal party and a number of the wedding guests.



At Home one knows when the hurdy-gurdies appear that spring is just around the corner. Here in China the reappearance of the youthful jugglers is the symbol by which we may judge that old winter's backbone is broken. And so, if you have any coppers to shed, prepare to shed them now, for these little street actors are as persistent as they are clever.



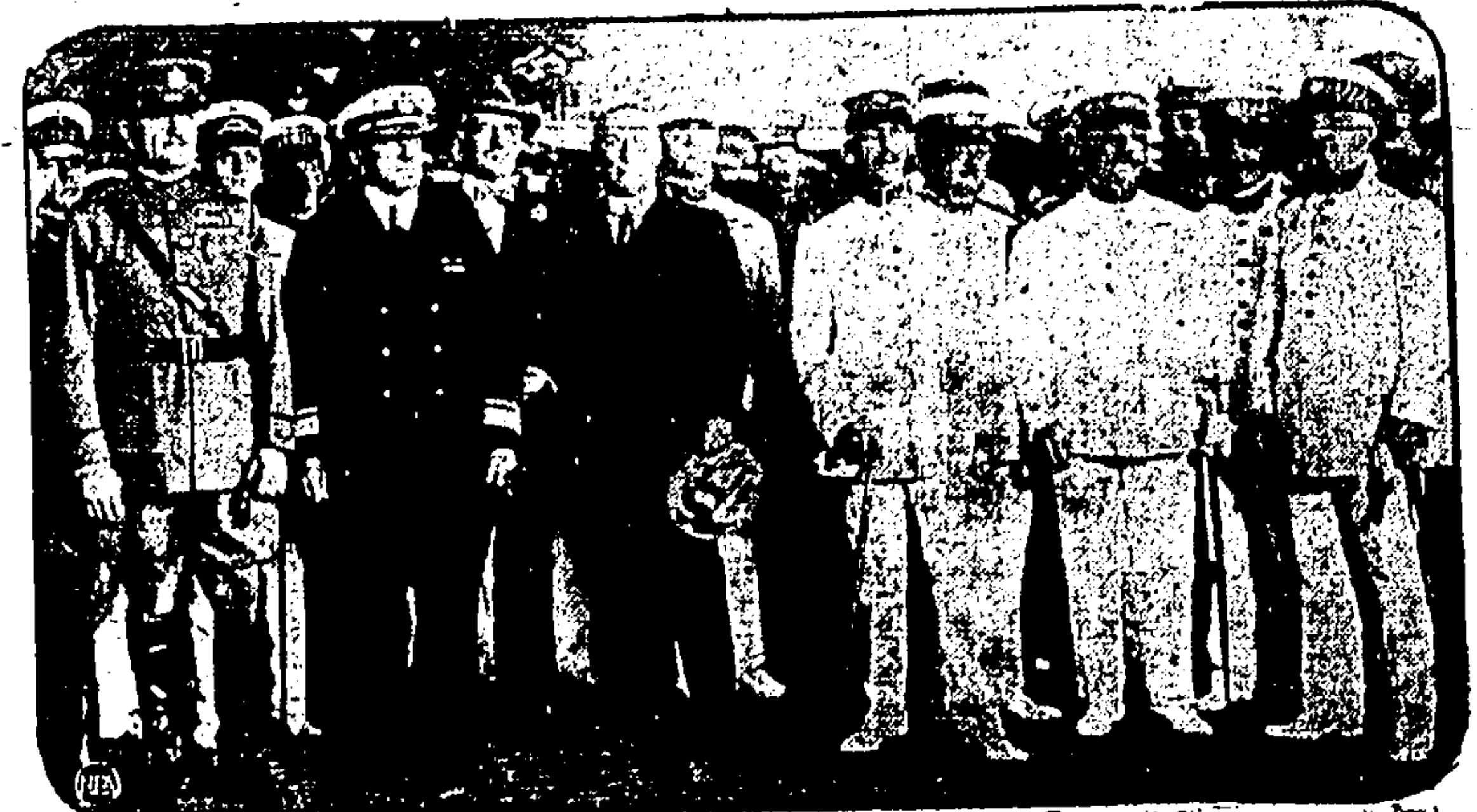
Miss Cecille Evans' ankles are insured for \$100,000; and Coles Phillips, artist, believes her face is equally perfect. He's nominated her as one of 14 "perfect" beauties for 1925. Her ankles are featured in advertisements.



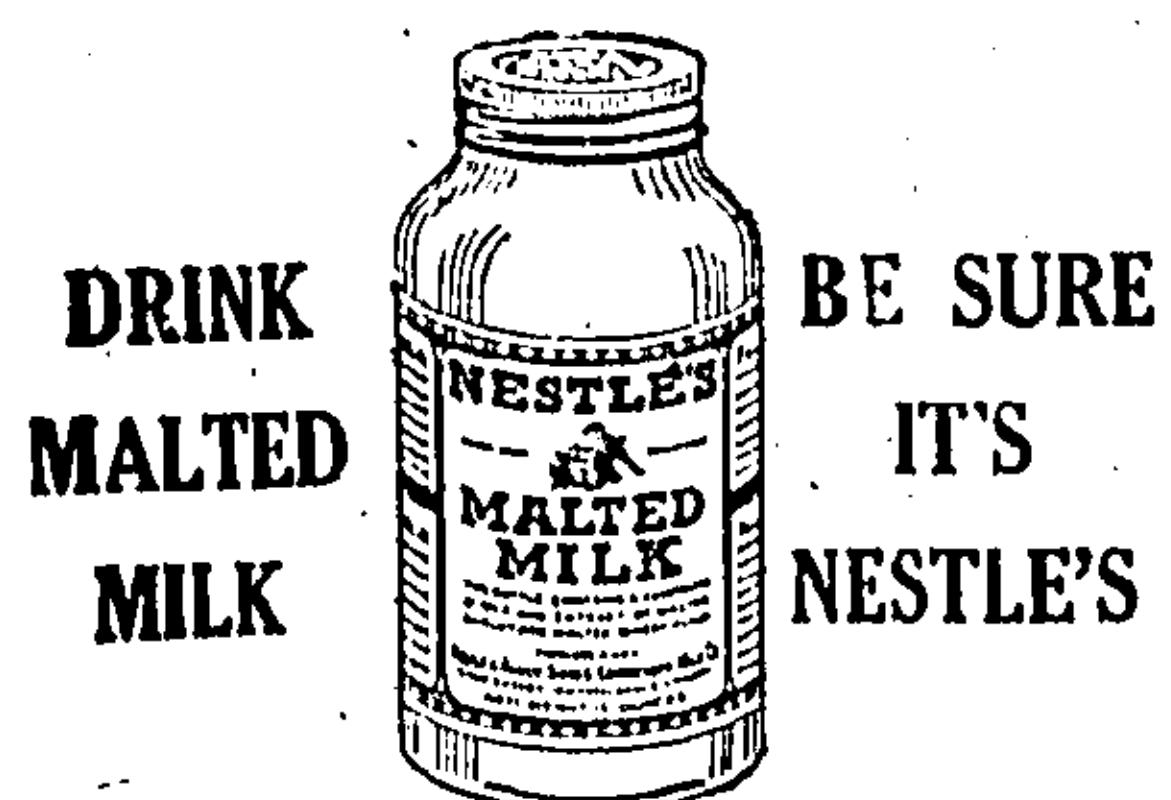
This shows another of those American-British alliances in the Berlin embassy—Miss Margaret Neil and Captain Sydney Daw of His Majesty's troops.



Miss Ruth Davis' marriage to her stepbrother, Andrew Jean Stormfeltz, at Kansas City, Mo., made her mother also her stepmother her mother-in-law, and her stepfather her father-in-law. She's her own step-sister-in-law, too. Figure in out.



General Pershing on his triumphal tour of South America is shown arriving at the Brazilian capital, greeted by the American Ambassador, Mr. Edwin V. Morgan (third from his left), General Carvalho, Minister of War (in white, fourth from his left) and by representatives of the President.



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Chartered Bank	1213	Chartered Bank	1213
Mercantile Bank A & E	1214	Mercantile Bank A & E	1214
Mercantile Bank C	1215	Mercantile Bank C	1215
P. & O. Bank	1216	P. & O. Bank	1216
Bank of E. Asia	1217	Bank of E. Asia	1217
Marine Insurances.		Marine Insurances.	
Canton	760	Canton	760
China Underwriters	2.80	China Underwriters	2.80
North China	140	North China	140
Union	272	Union	272
Yangtze	45	Yangtze	45
Fire Insurances.		Fire Insurances.	
China Fire	200	China Fire	200
H.K. Fire	200	H.K. Fire	200
Shipping.		Shipping.	
Douglas	371	Douglas	371
H.K. Steamboats	41	H.K. Steamboats	41
H.H. Tug	31	H.H. Tug	31
Indos (Fret.)	120	Indos (Fret.)	120
Indos Def. Lon/Reg.	120	Indos Def. Lon/Reg.	120
Shells	15	Shells	15
Perries	171	Perries	171
Water-roads	255	Water-roads	255
Oriental Navigation	66	Oriental Navigation	66
Refineries.		Refineries.	
China Sugars	62	China Sugars	62
Malayan	63	Malayan	63
Mining.		Mining.	
Benguet Consol.	57	Benguet Consol.	57
Kailan	26	Kailan	26
Langkat Combined	6	Langkat Combined	6
Shui Explor. New Issue	34	Shui Explor. New Issue	34
Travels	57	Travels	57
Ural Chaptans	57	Ural Chaptans	57
Docks Wharves, Godowns &c.		Docks Wharves, Godowns &c.	
H.K. Wharves	111	H.K. Wharves	111
K. Docks	121	K. Docks	121
Hongkong Wharves	93	Hongkong Wharves	93
New Engineering	125	New Engineering	125
Shanghai Docks	125	Shanghai Docks	125
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.		Lands, Hotels & Buildings.	
H.K. Hotels (cum rta.)	15.40	H.K. Hotels (cum rta.)	15.40
Do. (New) Prem.	10.40	Do. (New) Prem.	10.40
H.K. Developments	4.30	H.K. Developments	4.30
H.K. Realty	5.90	H.K. Realty	5.90
H.K. Territories	202	H.K. Territories	202
Humphreys Estate	150	Humphreys Estate	150
Princes Building	150	Princes Building	150
Cotton Mills.		Cotton Mills.	
Ewo Cotton	11.05	Ewo Cotton	11.05
Oriental	3.40	Oriental	3.40
Shanghai Cottons Old	3.03	Shanghai Cottons Old	3.03
Shanghai Cottons New	3.03	Shanghai Cottons New	3.03
Miscellaneous.		Miscellaneous.	
Canton Ice	20	Canton Ice	20
Cementa (cum rta.)	8.85	Cementa (cum rta.)	8.85
Do. (New) Prem	312	Do. (New) Prem	312
Do. (Com.)	32	Do. (Com.)	32
China Buses	13	China Buses	13
China Light Old	19	China Light Old	19
Do. New	33	Do. New	33
Do. (Com.)	162	Do. (Com.)	162
China Providents Old	91	China Providents Old	91
China Providents New	91	China Providents New	91
Constructions	26.60	Constructions	26.60
Dairy Farms	10	Dairy Farms	10
Der A Wing (f.p.)	5	Der A Wing (f.p.)	5
Do. (p.p.)	65	Do. (p.p.)	65
Electric H.K.	42	Electric H.K.	42
Electric Mucno	18	Electric Mucno	18
Hongkong Ropes Old	10.20	Hongkong Ropes Old	10.20
H.K. Ropes (New) Prem.	30	H.K. Ropes (New) Prem.	30
Ropes (Combined)	302	Ropes (Combined)	302
Hongkong Tramways	19	Hongkong Tramways	19
Lane Crawfords	21	Lane Crawfords	21
Macdonald	22	Macdonald	22
Peak Trans Old	13	Peak Trans Old	13
Peak Trans New	13	Peak Trans New	13
Sincere	33	Sincere	33
Taxis	20	Taxis	20
Watson Old	14	Watson Old	14
Watson New	14	Watson New	14
Wm. Powell	14	Wm. Powell	14
Nanyang Tel.	14	Nanyang Tel.	14

SHIPPING NEWS.

The following local shipping and mail intelligence has been corrected to noon to-day:

Vessels Arrived.			
Vessel	Agents	From	Date.
Seang Bee	Tien Kee	Hongkong via Singapore	9th April.
Namang	J. M. & Co.	Osaka via Kobe	"
Kiangchow	B. & S.	Kobe via Hongkong	"
Phetumpuk	W. Hing	Saigon	"
Hanching	Douglas	Farlow via Swatow	"
Van Cloon	J. C. J. L.	Anoy via Swatow	"
Wah Shan	Sam Lee	K. C. Wan	"
Lushan M.	N. Y. K.	Shanghai via Swatow	"
Sadequero M.	N. Y. K.	Samashida	"
Kachuan M.	N. Y. K.	Mike	"
Horan M.	O. S. K.	Keelung via Swatow	"
Hydrangea	Chin On	Swatow	"

Impending Departures.

(Compiled from our Shipping Advertisements.)

Vessel	Agents	Destination	Sailing
Hanching	D. I. Co.	Foehoo	10th Apr.
Adelta M.	N. Y. K.	Colombo	10th
Namang	J. M. & Co.	Calcutta	11th
Chongching	J. M. & Co.	Tientsin	11th
Takung	J. M. & Co.	Haiphong	12th
Takung	J. M. & Co.	Swatow	12th
Mororan M.	N. Y. K.	Rangoon	13th
Taurua M.	N. Y. K.	Marcelles	13th
Laomedon	N. Y. K.	Hamburg	13th

Impending Arrivals.

(Supplied by our Advertisers.)

Vessel	Agents	From	Due Hongkong
Bondeli	G. L. & Co.	Singapore	12th Apr.
Em. of Australia	C. P. S. Ltd.	Shanghai	12th
Em. of Australia	C. P. S. Ltd.	Yokohama	12th
Em. of Asia	C. P. S. Ltd.	Manila	15th
Em. of Asia	C. P. S. Ltd.	Suez	20th
Em. of Asia	C. P. S. Ltd.	Shanghai	21st
Em. of Asia	C. P. S. Ltd.	Yokohama	21st
Em. of Asia	C. P. S. Ltd.	Suez	24th May

Consignees Diary.

(Compiled from our Advertisements.)

Vessel	Agents	Goods Stored	Free Storage Expires	Claims to be in by	Examination Date
Bondeli	G. L. & Co.	Kowloon	Apr. 9	Apr. 23	Apr. 9
Wm. Jessup	C. P. S.	Kowloon	Apr. 11	Apr. 18	Apr. 11
Wm. Kader	C. P. S.	Kowloon	Apr. 12	Apr. 19	Apr. 12
Wm. Kader	C. P. S.	Kowloon	Apr. 14	Apr. 19	Apr. 14
Wm. Kader	C. P. S.	Kowloon	Apr. 16	Apr. 19	Apr. 16
Wm. Kader	C. P. S.	Kowloon	Apr. 17	Apr. 19	Apr. 17
Wm. Kader	C. P. S.	Kowloon	Apr. 18	Apr. 19	Apr. 18
Wm. Kader	C. P. S.	Kowloon	Apr. 19	Apr. 19	Apr. 19

Steamers' Movements.

Andre Lobos from Marcellus via Saigon is due to arrive Hongkong on Monday morning the 13th inst., instead of the 14th and will sail for Shanghai on the 13th inst. after noon.

Farther which left Hongkong on the 2nd of March, arrived Marcellus on the 2nd April.

Express of Russia arrived at Kobe on the 6th April 7 a.m. left Kobe on the 6th April 8 p.m. and is due at Yokohama on the 10th April 1 p.m.

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MIDNIGHT OPERATION AT SEA

H. Clark, one of the wireless operators on the Union-Castle liner Durham Castle, which arrived at Plymouth recently, developed appendicitis during the home voyage, and when the liner was on the Equator the ship's surgeon, Dr. Montgomery, found it necessary to operate at midnight. The dining saloon of the Durham Castle was used for the purpose, and a medical man and a nursing sister, who were among the passengers, rendered assistance.

THE "MILLION" CITIES.
 In a letter to the Observer, Mr. Charles H. L. Godfrey, formerly Commissioner of Public Works at Shanghai, suggests that Shanghai be included in the list of cities of over one million population. In support of his claim for Shanghai he quotes the total of 1,687,967 returned at the last census (1920) for the Foreign Settlement French Concession and the surrounding Chinese districts - a figure which, as everyone who had anything to do with census-taking in the Far East will agree, is very likely far short of the actual number of inhabitants of the area.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

FRENCH FINANCIAL CRISIS. Paris, April 8.

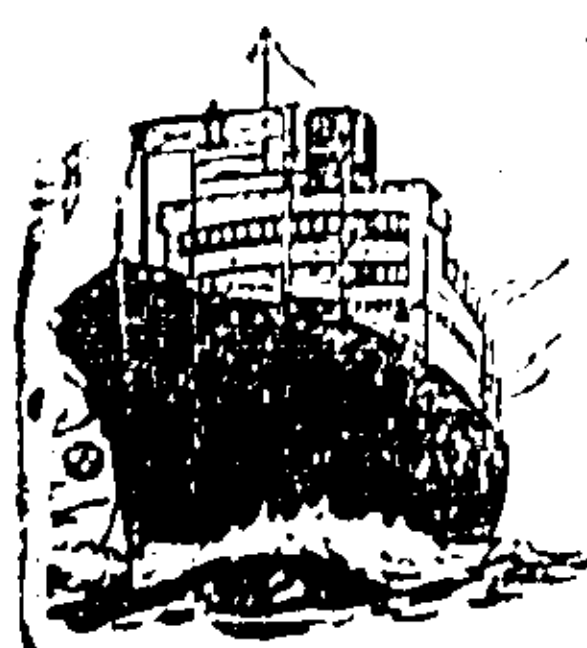
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JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

Paris, April 8.

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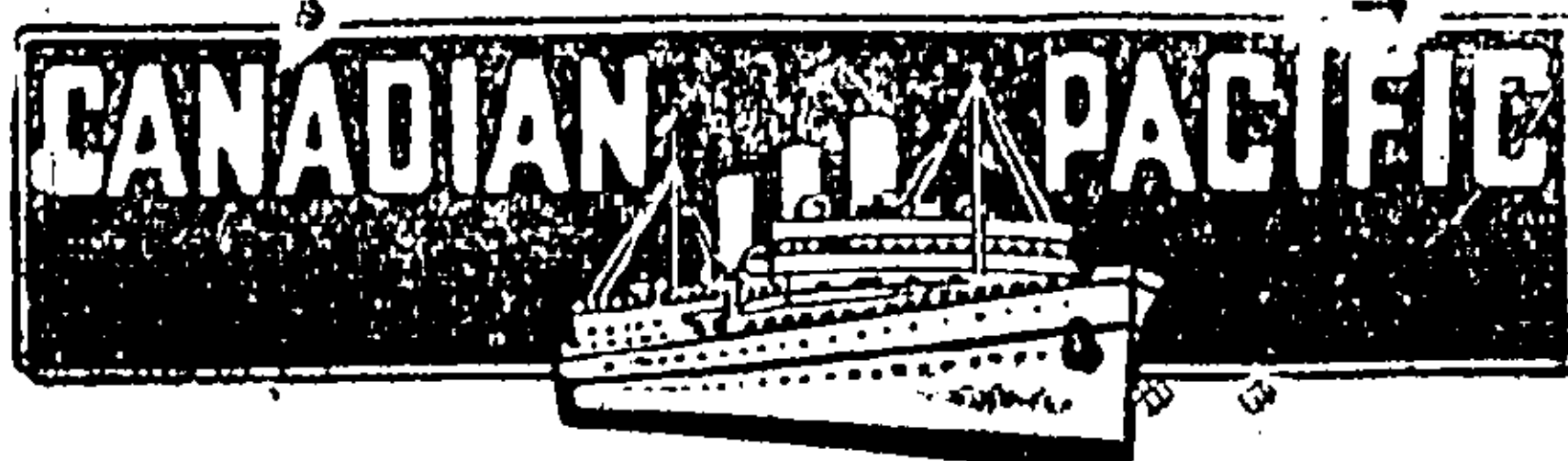
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Tjikembang	Batavia	In Port	10th Apr	Shanghai
Tjiluwong	Java	In Port	9th Apr	Batavia
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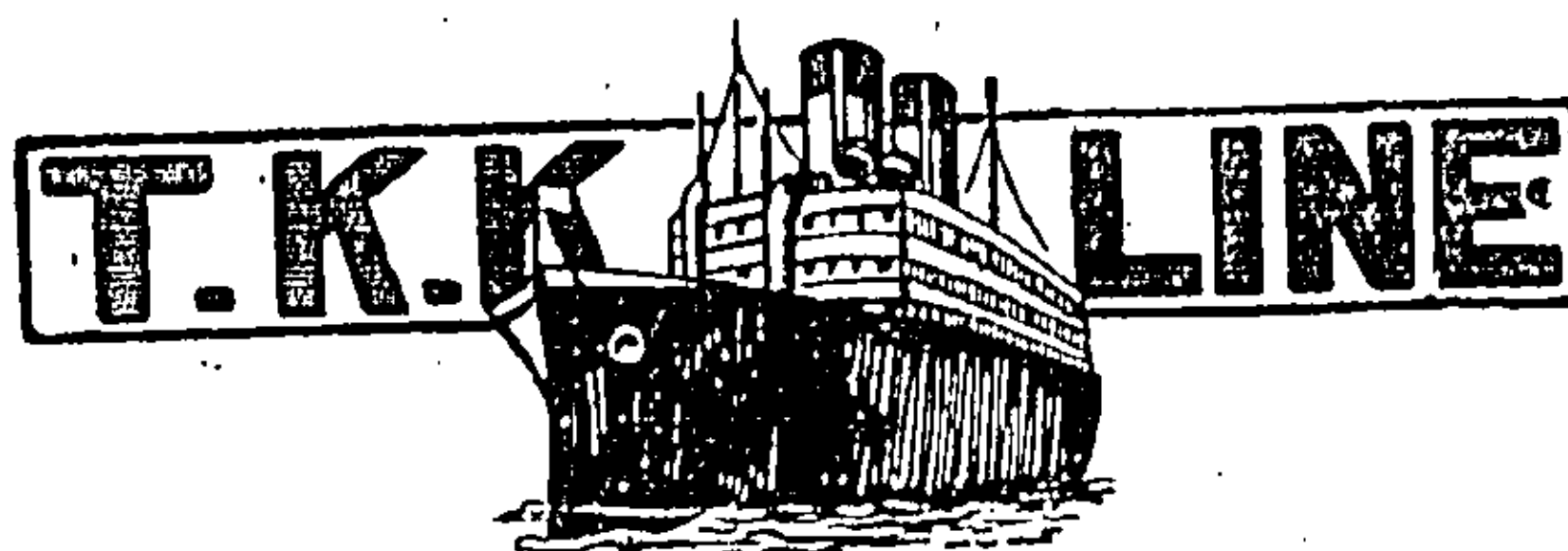
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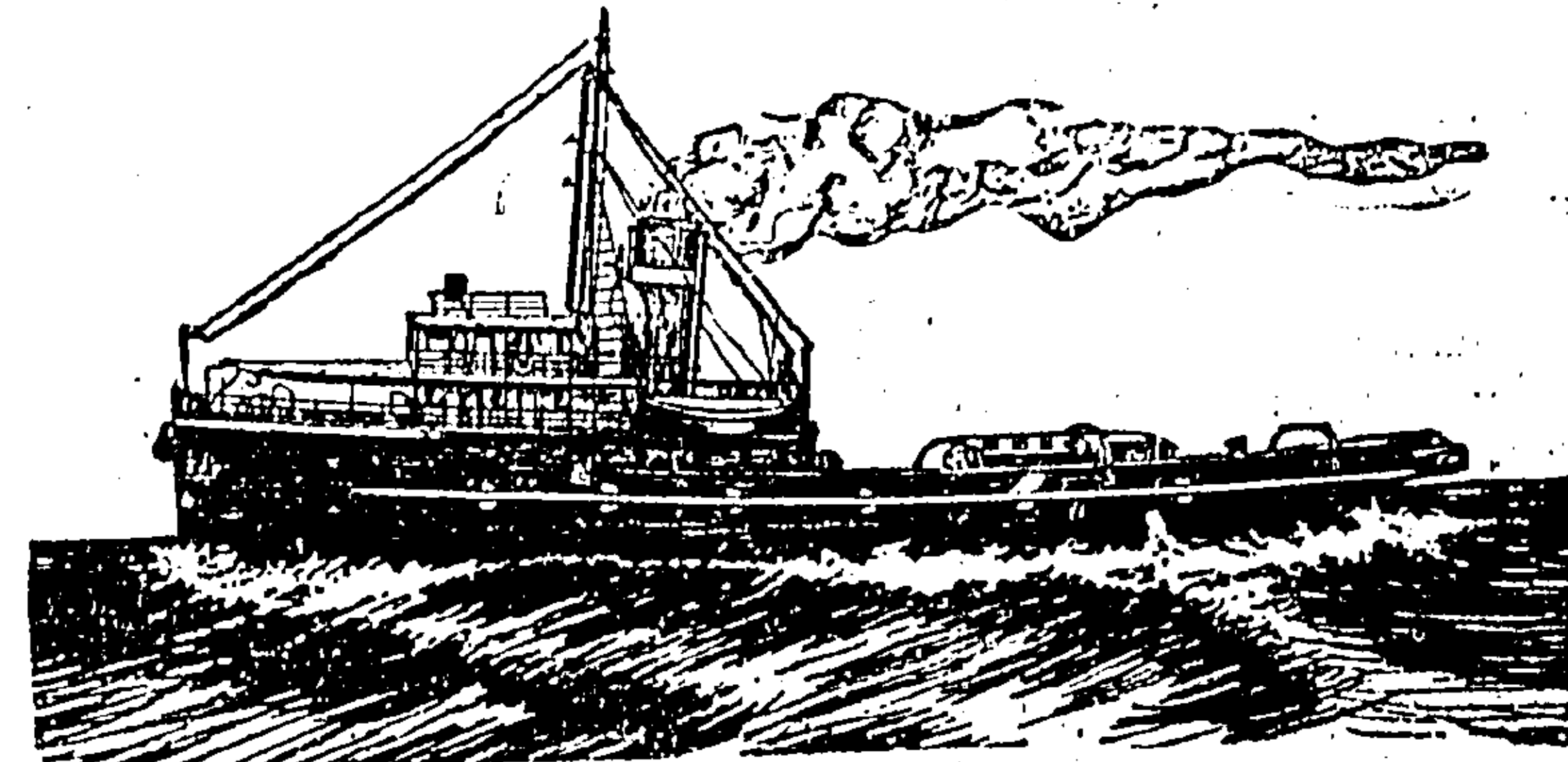
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THE CHURCHES.

EASTER SERVICES.

At St. John's Cathedral on Good Friday there will be the following Services:—Liturgy and Antiphonal Communion at 7.45 a.m.; Matins and Address, 11 a.m. Three Hours' Service, 12 noon to 3 p.m. Conducted by the Rev. G. H. Hewitt, R.N. Choral Recital at 9.15 p.m., by an Augmented Choir.
St. Andrew's Church, Nathan Road, Kowloon. Good Friday, April 10th. 11 a.m. Morning Prayer. Preacher, Rev. E. K. Quick, M.A. "The Story of the Cross" will be sung. 6 p.m. Evening Prayer. Preacher, Rev. Geo. E. Arrow-smith, M.A. Saturday, Easter Even, April 11th. 6 p.m. Preparation Service for Easter Communion. Easter Day, Holy Communion at 7.15 a.m., 8.15 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. 11 a.m. Morning Prayer. Preacher, the Vicar. 2.45 p.m. United Sunday School Service. 3 p.m. Bible Classes. 6 p.m. Evening Prayer. Preacher, the Vicar. Anthem:—"They have taken away my Lord." (Stainer).

WEATHER REPORT.

Apr. 9d. 12h. 03m.—Pressure has decreased slightly over the Philippines, moderately at Vladivostok and the Bonin Islands, and considerably over N. Japan; it has increased slightly to moderately elsewhere. The anticyclone remains stationary to the north of Yang-tze and has attained abnormal intensity for the season. Fresh to strong monsoon will prevail along the coast and over the China Sea.
Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.14 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.14 inches, against an average of 7.39 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.
District. Forecast.

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| 1 Formosa Channel | N. winds, strong. |
| 2 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamook | N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy. |
| 3 H'kong to Gap Rock | |
| 4 South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan | |
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The transmission of Radio telegrams to Swatow is suspended.

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From	Per	Due.
Shanghai via Negapatam (Letters & only, London 12th March)	Menelaus	9th April
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Shanghai	Sinking	11th
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	Empress of Australia	12th
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Andre Lebon	13th
Manila	Pres. Jackson	14th
Australia & Manila	Mishima M.	15th
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	16th
Japan & Shanghai	Shidzuoka M.	17th
Straits	Hakozaki M.	20th
Japan & Shanghai	Aki M.	21st
	Hakozaki M.	24th

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For	Per	Date.
Hoihow & Haiphong	Leasing	Sun., 10 inst., 8.30 a.m.
Saigon	Prominent	Fri., 10 inst., 9 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	Alaska M.	Fri., 10 inst., 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Heiching	Fri., 10 inst., noon.
Shanghai	Nanchang	Fri., 10 inst., 2.30 p.m.
Saigon & South Africa	Hawaii M.	Sat., 11 inst., 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via San Francisco	Pres. Lincoln	Parcel 10th 9 a.m. Registration 9 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.
		(Due San Francisco 6th May.)
Straits & Calcutta	Nanchang	Sat., 11 inst., 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haiphong	Sat., 11 inst., noon.
Swatow & Bangkok	Hein	Sat., 11 inst., 2.30 p.m.
Saigon, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Angers	Sat., 11 inst., 4.15 p.m.
		Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.
		(Due Marseilles 13th May.)
Swatow & Bangkok	Kaying	Sun., 12 inst., 9 a.m.
Shanghai	Longchow	Sun., 12 inst., 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hozan M.	Sun., 12 inst., 9 a.m.
Manila	Sai On	Mon., 13 inst., 6.15 a.m.
Amoy	Sinking	Mon., 13 inst., 9 a.m.
Shanghai & Japan	Hydrangea	Mon., 13 inst., 9 a.m.
Swatow	Laomedon	Mon., 13 inst., 9 a.m.
Amy	Fooksang	Mon., 13 inst., 9 a.m.
Manila, "Straits", Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	Pres. Monroe	Mon., 13 inst., 9 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok	Kwancong	Tues., 14 inst., 6.30 a.m.
Swatow	Huang	Wed., 15 inst., 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Anjo M.	Wed., 15 inst., 10.30 a.m.
Japan & Honolulu		
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Victoria B.C.	Pres. Jackson	Parcel 15th 9 a.m. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 9.45 a.m.
		(Due Victoria B.C. 4th May & Europe via Siberia.)
		(Correspondence specially super-scribed "via Siberia" only.)
Japan	Mishima M.	Thurs., 16 inst., 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Karmala	Sat., 18 inst., 9.45 a.m.
		Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
		(Due Marseilles 16th May.)
Manila	Pres. McKinley	Sun., 19 inst., 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai & Japan	Hakozaki M.	Tues., 21 inst., 10.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Is.	Aki M.	Wed., 23 inst., 9.45 a.m.
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